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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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BREKID DR HENRY J WAY CHARACTER WITNESS FOR MCLAUGHLIN.  
 DEFENDANT WILSON CENSURED BY COURT FOR EVASIVE ANSWERS AS HE  
 COMPLETED CROSS EXAMINATION. VIDLER ON DIRECT ADMITED PRACTICALLY  
 ALL FACTS ESTABLISHED BY GOVT EXCEPT GUILTY KNOWLEDGE.  
 ON CROSS EXAM VIDLER STATED HE NEVER QUESTION MCLAUGHLIN RE  
 CHARACTER OF MONEY OR WHERE OBTAINED EXCEPT ONCE TO JOKINGLY ASK  
 IF IT WERE COUNTERFEIT. VIDLER ADMITTED HOWEVER ONCE ASKING  
 DELANEY WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM DELANEY STATING " I THINK  
 THEY GOT HOLD OF THE CAMPAIGN FUNDS AND ARE CUTTING JOHN IN ON IT"  
 VIDLER ALSO STATED HIS AVERAGE DAILY INCOME DURING JANUARY  
 FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1934 WAS FROM 20 TO 25 DOLLARS PER DAY. VIDLER  
 DENIED GIVING VARIOUS BANK TELLERS IN CHICAGO COCK AND BULL STORY  
 AS TO WHERE HE GOT MONEY. ALSO STATED HE DID NOT KNOW WHY THEY  
 ALL SO TESTIFIED.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas

May 8th, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of  
March 26th, 1935, relating to temporary "wanted" notices  
filed on various Subjects in this case, please be advised  
that these temporary "wanted" notices, as reflected in  
Bureau letter, have been withdrawn from the Police De-  
partment at Little Rock, Arkansas and the Sheriff's  
Office at Lonoke, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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DIRECTOR

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Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 2:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Conroy at the Kansas City Office, he mentioned that Doris O'Connor, involved in the above entitled case, was released yesterday from the charges of harboring which had been preferred against her. He said that she believes this Bureau was instrumental in procuring her release, and is in a good frame of mind toward the Bureau.

Mr. Conroy said that he instructed Agent Bryce, who has been contacting her all the time, to tell her that we would pay her \$500 if she would put the finger on Volney Davis. I told him this was all right; that as a matter of fact, we would pay \$500 for Volney Davis. Bryce informed Mr. Conroy that he is of the opinion that Doris is going to put the finger on Volney Davis. Mr. Conroy said that one of the reasons for believing this is the fact that she is badly in need of money. Mr. Conroy said that she has returned to her home in Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
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Dear Sir:

Please be informed that while a surveillance was being conducted by Agents of this office on May 6, 1935, at the apartment of Frank Foster, 145 W. 88th Street, New York, N.Y., in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, one Westinghouse secret phone transmitter was discovered by the subject of the surveillance, who removed and took possession of it.

Accordingly, one secret phone transmitter is being removed from the inventory of Government property charged to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITELY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
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NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
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May 9, 1935

M H PURVIS  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID WILLIAM EVIDLER TESTIFIED HE FORMERLY WORKED FOR NORTHEAST AUTO SALES

FIVE NINE TWO EIGHT NORTHWESTERN AVENUE CHICAGO USA DESIRES INFORMATION REGARDING  
EMPLOYMENT

Off. Bus. Govt. rate  
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MAY 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM HEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREYER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to letter from this office to the  
Cincinnati Office dated May 7, 1935, regarding surveillance main-  
tained on Gladys Sawyer from Osawatomie, Kansas to Omaha, Nebraska.

Gladys Sawyer left Kansas City on May 7, 1935, at 8:25  
A.M. on the Missouri Pacific Railroad for Omaha, Nebraska. She  
was kept under surveillance on this trip by Special Agent E. M.  
Heavrin, of this office. Shortly after the departure of this  
train for Omaha a natural fellow-traveler type of conversation en-  
sued between Agent Heavrin and Mrs. Sawyer, during which she men-  
tioned her fondness for airplane travel and the fact that she had  
been continuously for some time on instant trip from New Orleans  
and that train travel was so unsatisfactory. Agent Heavrin re-  
marked that he had never been up in a plane, whereupon Mrs. Sawyer  
began to relate numerous trips she had made by plane. She stated  
that her first trip in an airplane was made about a year ago from  
Omaha, Nebraska to Las Vegas, Nevada, which trip she made for the  
purpose of joining her husband there. Later she mentioned having  
made a trip from New Orleans to Omaha in January 1935 by train,  
taking approximately two days and two nights, and that in the same  
month she returned to New Orleans by plane in approximately 7 1/2 hours,  
going from Omaha to Kansas City and chartering a small two passenger  
cabin plane at Kansas City for the trip south.

Mrs. Sawyer also stated, in the course of her conversation,  
that she and her husband went to a small town in the south of

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Mississippi near the Gulf Coast, about five months ago, for her health; that they did not know a person living there but had heard of one family then residing in that part of the state. She related that in all her travels Southern Mississippi and the people there are the finest that she had ever known and she liked it very much.

No attempt was made by Agent to have Mrs. Sawyer reveal her identity, having been previously advised she is of a very suspicious nature. Agent Heavrin endeavored to make a few casual remarks from time to time in order to keep Mrs. Sawyer talking. In order to forestall any suspicion of Agent Heavrin he dropped a few casual remarks about being a young lawyer from a small town in Western Kentucky in this section of the country on a short professional trip. Agent Heavrin is of the opinion that Mrs. Sawyer did not suspect his position as a Special Agent.

At Union, Nebraska, a new passenger appeared in the parlor car in which Mrs. Sawyer and Agent were traveling, who made the remainder of the trip to Omaha. It was ascertained later that this man was Special Agent J. R. Green of the Omaha Bureau Office.

Upon arrival at the Union Station in Omaha, Nebraska, at 1:30 P.M., May 7, 1935, Agent Heavrin was contacted unobtrusively by Special Agent J. T. Hartin, of the Omaha Office, who assumed the surveillance of Mrs. Sawyer. A short while later he advised Special Agent in Charge Hammi that Mrs. Sawyer had entered a taxi and proceeded immediately to the law office of Eugene O'Sullivan, Electric Building, 17th and Herney Streets, Omaha, Nebraska. When Agent left Omaha, Nebraska at approximately 5 P.M. no further report had been received concerning further movements of Mrs. Sawyer. It should be noted too that during this time Special Agent Green was keeping watch at the Union Station for a movement of Mrs. Sawyer's baggage which was checked there.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RCH:os

cc - Bureau  
St. Paul  
New Orleans  
Chicago  
Omaha



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 8, 1935.

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APPREHENSION ORDER  
NO. 1240-338

Dear Sir:

Re: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases: Harry "Dutch"  
Sawyer, Harry Sandovich, Harry J. Porche,  
Harry Sandevich, Harry Sandlovich, Harry  
Sandlovitch, Frank James, Jew Harry, Harry  
Standley; KIDNAPING.

Identification Order No. 1240 on the above named  
subject is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was taken into  
custody at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on May 3, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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H H REINECKE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
506 FLETCHER SAVINGS & TRUST BUILDING  
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

BREKID REURTEL FLORIDA LICENSE D FIVE NAUGHT EIGHT EIGHT ISSUED

JOHN R MORAN THREE TWO THREE NE SEVENTEENTH STREET MIAMI FOR GRAHAM

COUPE MOTOR EIGHTEEN NAUGHT SEVEN FIVE TWO THREE STOP MORAN EMPLOYED

PAST SEASON ATTENDANT DISCAYNE DOG TRACK MIAMI LEFT ABOUT APRIL FIRST

MAY BE LOCATED MAY TWENTY EIGHTH DOG TRACK JEFFERSONVILLE INDIANA

USUAL PERMANENT ADDRESS BROADVIEW HOTEL EAST SAINT LOUIS STOP

ATTENDED LAST KENTUCKY DERBY STOP IN MIAMI ALSO RESIDED EL COMODORO

HOTEL STOP ADVISABILITY CONTACTING HOTEL QUESTIONED AND WITHHELD

STOP DESCRIBED THIRTY SIX YEARS FIVE FEET ELEVEN RUDDY COMPLEXION

HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS NEAT DRESSER SUPPOSED BE DRIVING AFOREDESCRIBED

CAR UNKNOWN TO MIAMI POLICE SOURCE THIS INFORMATION OUR INFORMANT

*Brown Case*

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MAY BE ABLE CONTACT MORAN OR GIVE ADDRESS IF

HE AROUND CHICAGO STOP THIS PERSON NOT DOC MORAN

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-9-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/27/35-5/5/35	REPORT MADE BY: LEE F. MALONE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><u>Synopsis of Facts:</u> Mrs. J. Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is Mrs. Frost's mother. Frank Frost's notebook contains a list of addresses in both New York and Chicago. Frost photographed by street photographer, and photo being obtained. Cy Wathanson of Atlantic City, N. J., contacted Frost concerning some proposition. Frost contacted a Joe Miller, at Room 1001, 1650 Broadway, New York City, and also an Abe Pollack, a former dentist. Frost received a telegram Apr. 2, 1935, from Joseph Palladino, Medford, Mass., stating that party was in hospital and would come as soon as well. Alice Conrad received mail from 6500 Eppworth, Detroit, Mich., requesting her to stop in Cleveland on her return trip to Chicago, May 6, 1935. Ascertained from ticket agent, Great Eastern Bus Line, that Alice Conrad was leaving May 3, 1935. Mail tracings for Frost indicate mail received from Chicago, Ill.; Cleveland, Ohio, and New York City. On April 30, 1935 Mrs. Frost received a telegram from "Tillie" in Cleveland, Ohio, regarding a pin. Motor Vehicle Bureau, State of Connecticut, advises they have no record of 1934 Chevrolet Sedan, motor number 4543656, or 1933 Pontiac, motor number 935155. 12 copies of photo of "Shimmy" Patton being made by New York Bureau office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. Whitley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: 7-576-5944 MAY 11 1935	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: ③ Bureau 2 St. Paul 2 Cincinnati -(Encls. 5) 1 Chicago 2 Boston 2 Cleveland 1 Detroit 1 Omaha 1 Philadelphia 2 New York		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAY 11 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>ONE 9/10/35</i> FILE	

**Reference:** Report of Special Agent Lee F. Malone, New York City, dated April 30, 1935, and report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pa., dated April 25, 1935.

**Details:** AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

While installing microphone in the apartment of Frank Frost, Special Agent J. H. Farley and the writer had occasion to note letters and ascertained that Mrs. J. Bay, 26 Bablin Hotel, 115 Adelaide Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is Mrs. Frost's mother, and that the nature of her letters were to inquire if Dorothy had a nice trip from Florida and to thank her for money that she had sent on two different occasions - on one occasion \$50.00 and on another occasion, \$10.00. The contents of the letters were of no importance to this investigation.

Agents also had occasion to note a notebook belonging to Frank Frost, and it was found to contain a list of addresses for both New York City and Chicago, Ill., as follows:

Max Eisen  
Doc. Ferrone  
John Greer  
Happy Boston  
Harry Shneweis, Jewelry

Clarence Walton  
J. Arvery 9760  
Louis Buch  
Edelstein  
Dan Weiss  
Jack Wolf  
L. Wolf  
Gramercy 5-9434  
Dr. Thomas Barr  
Chesterfield 4-3474  
Endicott 2-9800  
John Weisberger

Susquehanna 7-0206  
Saratoga 1910  
No. 644 Box A, Lewisburg, Pa.  
Lafayette 0580 Lenox Hotel Sharron 778.  
1852 East 4th St., Brooklyn  
Tel. Res. Esplanade 5-7792  
Bus. Drydock 4-0040  
Flagler Hotel, 637 W. Flagler St. Miami, Fla.  
33 No. LaSalle St. Chicago, Ill.  
Devessey 9890 Chicago, Ill.  
Bittersweet 4630 Apartment 18,  
Drydock 4-4928  
12 West 42d Street, 14-B Endicott 2-2000  
Cen. 1366 Chicago  
San Rafael, Calif. Or. 4-0690  
Sterling 3-9629

A telegram, dated April 2, 1935, from Joseph Palladino at Medford, Mass., was also noted in Frost's apartment. The contents of this telegram is as follows:

"PARTY IN HOSPITAL WILL COME AS SOON AS HE IS WELL"

Special Agent John J. Keating advised that Joseph Palladino is supposed to be one of the leading racketeers of the State of Massachusetts.

While tailing Frank Frost on Broadway on April 29th, 1935 Special Agent M. W. McFarlin noticed a street photographer take Frost's picture, and that Frost did not accept the receipt, and McFarlin obtained the receipt and same was sent to the firm represented by the photographer, and a photograph will be obtained.

The following mail tracings were received as a result of the cover on the mail of Frank Frost, 145 West 58th Street, New York City:

April 27th a tracing was received of a letter postmarked New York, Station N, April 25, 1935, 3:00 P. M.; addressed to Dorothy Frost, 145 West 58th Street, New York City; return address, Paul Kossoff, Inc., Furriers, 210 West 72d Street, New York City.

Tracing of a letter received April 29th, postmarked Chicago, Ill., April 27, 1935, 7:00 P. M.; addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Frost, 145 West 58th Street, New York, N. Y., Hotel Maurice; return address, Pearl Holtzman, 1358 1/2 Estes Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Letter, postmarked Buff. T.R. 568, April 27, RPO, addressed to Frankie Frost, 145 West 58th Street, New York City, New York, Apartment 10-P.

On May 1st there was received a tracing postmarked New York, N. Y., April 29th, 5:00 P.M., addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Frost, Hotel Maurice, West 58th Street, City; return address, Furs, 40 West 57th Street, New York City.



On May 2nd there was received a tracing postmarked Chicago, April 29, 1935, 12:00 P. M.; addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Frost, 145 West 58th Street, New York City, N. Y.; return address, L. Lahten, 1319 1/2 Estes Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Letter addressed to Mrs. F. Frost, 145 West 58th Street, New York City; return address, Sommers, Inc., 2 West 57th Street, New York City.

Air mail letter, postmarked Cleveland, Ohio, May 1st, 7:00 P. M.; addressed to Mrs. F. Frost, Hotel Maurice, 145 West 58th Street, New York City, N. Y.; return address, 3602 Grosvenor Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

The above set out mail tracings are being forwarded with copies of this report to the office of origin.

On Apr. 30, 1935 Mrs. Frost received a telegram, but the Western Union office at 1414 Sixth Avenue failed to retain a copy of the same and was unable to locate the telegram in their search. Special Agent W. Devereaux entered the Frost apartment and obtained a telegram, which originated at Cleveland, Ohio and bore the following symbols: "N. A. C. 107." It read as follows:

"Dear Dorothy:

Am worried about pin, Love, Tillie"

The secret telephone in the Frost apartment has produced the following information:

On April 27, at 3:05 P. M., Dorothy Frost and Blanche Williams were alone in the apartment and during their conversation they mentioned

[REDACTED]

At 7:36 P. M., the following information was obtained by the telephone tap:

A call was made by Cy Nathanson for Frank Frost, and Mrs. Frost took the message. Cy stated that he was up from Atlantic City and would meet Frank at Dempsey's Bar at 8:00 P.M., and that he then had to leave for Atlantic City.

At Dempsey's Bar, Special Agent Devereaux stood next to Frost, Max Yudelwitz and Cy Nathanson. Max Yudelwitz is described as being 5 ft. 10 in. tall, weighing 180 pounds, medium build, ruddy complexion, with a rather large hook nose, wearing gold rimmed glasses; nicely dressed, rather greyish hair. Yudelwitz seemed to be acting as the intermediary between Frank Frost and Cy Nathanson. Nathanson is described as being 5 ft. 4 in. in height, 130 pounds, rather ruddy complexion, hair grey at temples, medium build, inclined to be stocky, and rather carelessly dressed. Frost and Cy Nathanson were figuring on a small piece of paper, and the final figure ran to \$30,000. Nathanson kept telling Frank Frost that this was at "Some's" or "Zonie's" price. Frank folded the paper and put it in his pocket, and left the two men at the bar and joined his wife and Blanche Williams in the dining room at Dempsey's for dinner. The nature of their conversation appeared to be in connection with some liquor deal or the installation of a still or brewing apparatus of some sort.

On April 29th, at 3:15 P. M., Dorothy Frost received over the telephone a call from Dolly Trainor, who stated that she had something important to tell Dorothy and wanted her to come right over. Dorothy stated that she was lying down at present as she had not been able to sleep last night. She, however, made an appointment with Dolly to go to Dolly's apartment at 161 West 54th Street, New York City, Apartment 44, at 4:30 P. M., to receive the important information.

On April 30, 1935, at 2:40 P. M., a woman called Dorothy on the telephone, and from the conversation

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On May 1st, at 10:20 A. M., a party called Frank Frost on the telephone, and Frank referred to him b7c

The exact meaning of this conversation was not obtained, as it apparently referred to a previous conversation between the two.

The surveillance of Frank Frost indicates that he frequented the following places:

Jack Dempsey's Restaurant, Eighth Ave. and 50th St., N. Y. C.  
 Roxy Theatre, Seventh Ave. and 50th St., N. Y. C.  
 Connie's Inn, 48th St. bet. Broadway and Seventh Ave., N. Y. C.  
 Lindy's Restaurant, 49th St. and Broadway, N. Y. C.  
 Paradise Restaurant, Broadway and 49th St., N. Y. C.  
 Dave's Blue Room Restaurant, Seventh Ave., bet. 51st & 52d Sts., N.Y.C.  
 The Luxor Hotel and Baths, 46th St. bet. 6th and 7th Aves., N. Y. C.  
 Subway Barber Shop, S.E. Cor. 47th St. and Seventh Ave., N. Y. C.  
 Billy The Oysterman, a restaurant, 20th St. bet. 5th & B'way, N.Y.C.  
 Endicott Hotel, 51st St. and Columbus Ave., N. Y. C.  
 George M. Cohen Theatre, 42nd Street, N. Y. C.  
 Waldorf Theatre, 116 West 50th Street, N. Y. C.  
 T. J. Malloy & Co., liquor store, 444 Fourth Ave., N. Y. C.

On Sunday night, April 28th, Special Agents W. Binns and R. H. Emery at 7:30 P. M., observed Frost and two men come out of a barber shop on the southeast corner of 47th Street and Seventh Ave. One of the men left immediately and the other, with Frank, walked down Fifth Avenue to Billy The Oysterman, a restaurant on 20th Street between Fifth Ave. and Broadway.

A description of the man with Frank is as follows:

Age	About 45 years
Height	5 ft. 10 in. (reference 5'8")
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyeglasses	Gold rimmed glasses
Mustache	None
Complexion	Dark
Nationality	Italian or Jewish
Dress	Neatly dressed
Peculiarities	Thick lips



At Billy The Oysterman, Frank and his friends were met by Dorothy Frost and Blanche Williams, and they had dinner there. At 10:30 P. M., Frank, the unidentified man with Blanche Williams and Dorothy Frost came out of Billy's together with two other women, and walked up Fifth Ave. The women all walked ahead and Frank and the man walked along behind engaged in an earnest conversation. At about 36th Street a large, black sedan bearing New Jersey license, number K12818, stopped at the curb alongside the women who were walking along ahead. The four women got in the car with the man who was driving, and the car waited at the curb until Frank and his friend walked up and Frank then stopped to speak to the people in the car for about a minute or two. The car drove uptown, and Special Agents McFarlin and Emery followed in a Bureau car, while Agent Binns followed Frank and his friend. The New Jersey car drove thru Central Park for about thirty minutes and then came back to Connie's Inn at 48th St., where the four women got out and went into the inn. The car then drove away. Frank and his friend in the meantime continued to walk slowly up Fifth Avenue, talking earnestly, and as far as Connie's Inn, where they stopped and went in. At 3:35 A. M. Frank, Dorothy and Blanche left Connie's and went home.

On April 30, 1935 Frank Frost left his home at 145 West 58th Street at 12:45 P. M., and was followed by Special Agents R. L. Morgan and V. D. Garvey to Lindy's Restaurant at Broadway and 50th Street, where he remained until 2:00 P. M. At 2 o'clock Frost left Lindy's and proceeded to 1650 Broadway in the company of two other men, and there they took an elevator, getting off at the 10th floor, and entered either Room 1001, or 1003, which is rented by Joel Miller. At 3:55 P. M. Frost, in company with three men, left 1650 Broadway, and proceeded to the Kaves Building, 151-3 West 46th Street.

En route to the Kaves Building, Frost and his three companions were joined by another man, and at approximately 4:15 P. M. Frost and the four men left the Kaves Building, proceeding to Broadway, thence north to 47th Street, and at 47th Street and Broadway, Frost bid his four companions goodbye and entered the Subway Barber Shop at 47th St. and Seventh Ave.

On May 1st Frost left his home at 145 West 58th Street at 12:35 P. M., followed by Agents Devereaux and Morgan, and he proceeded to the Knickerbocker Hotel, 81st Street and Columbus Avenue, where he met two men, presumably Italians, and conversed with them for some time. At 2:00 P. M., he walked up 81st Street and got in a 1934 Buick car, New York license number 4D3075. This license is issued to Moe Krichman, 436 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, N. Y. Agents Devereaux and Morgan followed in a taxicab to 26th St. and Ninth Avenue, where the car stopped and waited. They parked the Buick car in the middle of the block on 26th St. between Ninth and Tenth Aves., and after remaining there awhile they then drove east on 26th St. to Ninth Ave., and south on Ninth Avenue to 15th St., and then east on 15th St. to Sixth Ave., where Frost got out of the Buick car and walked to T. J. Malloy's liquor store at 444 Fourth Ave., where Frost remained from 2:40 P. M. to 3:40 P. M. At 3:40 P. M. a 1934 Buick Sedan, New York license number 9N2230, similar in design to the first Buick Frost had ridden in, drove up to the liquor store, whereupon Frost emerged and entered this car with another Italian. Agent Morgan was unable to find an available taxi on the street until the car Frost was in had driven two blocks. After obtaining the services of a taxi and driving several blocks, the car in which Frost was riding was lost in the traffic.

On May 1st, 1935 Special Agents Emery and Binns checked the license number on Buick Sedan, #9N2230, which was found to be issued to Abe Pollack, 337 Montgomery St., Brooklyn. It was ascertained that there was no such address as 337 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, and it was ascertained by a search of the neighborhood that this particular car was not parked in that vicinity. Abraham Pollack, a dentist, is listed in the city directory at 947 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, and at this address, which is an apartment building, information was obtained from the superintendent that Abraham Pollack formerly resided at that address with his father and that he was formerly a dentist, but due to poor eyesight had been forced to discontinue his practice approximately two years ago, and is now with his father, H. Pollack, who is engaged in the paper, twine and box business on Watkins Street or Avenue, in Brooklyn. The superintendent did not have the present address of the Pollacks, but thought that they had moved to Empire Boulevard.

The colored porter at the apartment house had previously advised that he thought the Pollacks had moved to Eastern Parkway. The superintendent stated that the Pollacks had several cars, including a grey Buick, but he could not recall the license numbers of any of the cars. He also mentioned that Abraham Pollack's car was used in a bank hold-up in Brooklyn a year or so ago, but when questioned by detectives he furnished the alibi that his car had been stolen just before the robbery.

Agents noticed, while trying to locate Pollack at 337 Montgomery Street, that an H. Pollack is listed at Apartment 4-L, 345 Montgomery Street.

On May 2, 1935 Frost left his apartment at 145 West 58th Street, at 12:55 P. M., and took a taxi and was followed by Agent Morgan to 81st St. and Columbus Avenue, where Frost entered the Endicott Hotel. At 1:50 P. M., Frost left the hotel with three other men, apparently Italians, and entered a 1934 Buick Sedan, license number Y6904. Agent Morgan followed the Buick car in a taxi to 48th St. and Broadway, where Frost entered Connie's Inn. Nothing more of importance happened during this day's surveillance.

On May 2nd Jerry Peters, superintendent of the apartment building, 54 West 36th Street, where Alice Conrad is living, called the New York Bureau office and advised that Alice had received an air mail letter. Special Agent E. K. Merritt contacted Peters and made a tracing of this letter. It was ascertained that the letter was from a party by the name of Lenard, apparently his first name, at 6500 Epworth, Detroit, Mich.

The letter requested that Alice Conrad stop in Cleveland for a day when she made her trip to Chicago on Monday, May 6, 1935. Lenard was to meet a Great Eastern bus at the Great Eastern terminal, Cleveland, Ohio, at 8:00 P. M. on that date, and he was going to register at the Hotel Cleveland, and if for some reason he was not at the bus, Alice Conrad was to call the Hotel Cleveland.

The writer on Friday, May 3rd, contacted ticket agent Finnerty, Union Motor Coach Terminal, 59 West 36th Street, who advised that Alice Conrad had reserved a seat on the 11:30 P. M. bus for that evening, returning to Chicago, and making a stop-over at Cleveland, Ohio. It was immediately arranged that the writer should also secure a seat on the bus and follow Alice Conrad to Cleveland, Ohio, and there turn the surveillance over to the Cleveland Bureau office. The details of this surveillance will be reported in the next report.



It had been ascertained that the telephone number, Columbus 5-5384, was listed in the name of Lowell Patton, at the following address: Dearborn Apartments, 350 West 55th Street. From the geographical telephone directory, it was ascertained that this telephone had been placed in Patton's apartment in the summer of 1934. As it was thought possible this party might be "Shimmy" Patton, or a relative of his, the Cleveland office was requested to ascertain if James A. Patton, alias "Shimmy" had recently made a trip to New York City, or had a relative by the name of Lowell Patton in New York City. Photographs of James A. Patton were also requested. This request was made by telegraph on April 27, 1935. The Cleveland office advised that their information reflected that James A. Patton, alias "Shimmy", had not made a trip to New York City recently, and had no relative named Lowell Patton. A photograph of James A. Patton was forwarded to the New York Bureau office by the Detroit office, and at the present time 12 copies of this photograph are being made. When this operation is completed, the original photograph will be returned to the Detroit Bureau office.

On April 29, 1935 Michael A. Connor, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the State of Connecticut, advised that upon examining their records for 1935 they were unable to find that a 1934 Chevrolet Sedan, motor number 4543656, had been registered in the State of Connecticut up to the present time. The same information was reflected with reference to 1933 Pontiac, motor number 935155.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:BOSTON OFFICE.

Will attempt to ascertain the identity and reputation of Joseph Palladino, who sent the telegram from Medford, Mass., April 2, 1935, to Frank Frost, 145 West 58th St., New York City, with reference to a party in a hospital (text of telegram set out above.) If possible, ascertain to whom this telegram has reference and secure information as to his identity and reputation.

CLEVELAND OFFICE.

Will secure information as to the identity and reputation of Mrs. L. Dolan, 3602 Grosvenor Road, Cleveland, Ohio, who is the "Tillie" referred to in the telegram from Cleveland, Ohio, (see page 4 of this report), and is evidently a friend of Mrs. Frost.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS (Cont'd):

NEW YORK OFFICE.

Will follow out leads in reference report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pa., dated April 25, 1935.

Will determine the connection between Frank Frost and Sally Phillips, 115 Central Park West, New York City.

Will ascertain the telephone listing for Endicott 2-5263.

Will ascertain the identity and reputation of Moe Krichman, 436 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, L. I., N. Y.

Will ascertain reputation of Thomas J. Malloy & Co., 444 Fourth Ave., New York City.

Will contact Mr. Ainsworth, Chief of Detectives, Park Central Hotel, New York City, with reference to Max Yudelwitz, Room 818, who registered April 12, 1935.

Will ascertain to whom New York license, number Y6904, was issued, and also ascertain the identity and reputation of this party.

Will secure from the New York Telephone Company the toll calls for the business telephone of Harry Shneweis, telephone, Drydock 4-0040.

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US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
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BREKID DOCTOR HERBERT KAHN TULSA STATES HAS NOT SEEN BROTHER REINHOLD KAHN FOR YEAR  
STOP HAS ONE BROTHER GOTTLIEB KAHN EMPLOYED IN SHIPYARD BERLIN GERMANY ANOTHER BROTHER  
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OR WHERE REINHOLD KAHN WOULD VISIT

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1935

Time - 3:05 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Backus \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Keith \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Connelley telephoned from the New Orleans Office and advised that as a result of his questioning of Harry Sawyer at New Orleans, the following information had been obtained: Sawyer admits that some of the Barker-Karpis gang hung around his place, but claims to have no definite information as to who they were. However, he admits that right after his place was raided in April of 1934, he went home, at which time the maid told him that the officers had raided his place. He claims that he waited until the following Monday, and when nothing happened, he and his wife got into their automobile and drove to Las Vegas. At Las Vegas, Gladys Sawyer communicated with Karpis, who was known to them as Ray Hunter, at Cleveland. Karpis suggested that they proceed to Cleveland, which they did, sometime in June. At Cleveland, they remained at the Cleveland Hotel for two or three days, after which they again wrote to Karpis in care of general delivery in Cleveland under the name of Ray Hunter. Later, Karpis and Dolores Delaney came and got them, taking them out to the Pamingo Street address where they remained for a couple of days. After this, they went to live with Fred Barker and Paula Harmon. They remained with Fred and Paula until about the first of August when Gladys Sawyer had to go back to St. Paul for an operation. She was gone for about two weeks, and after she returned, the Sawyers continued to live with Fred Barker and Paula at 10515 Parker Street in Cleveland. The Barkers later moved, and the Sawyers with them, and the Sawyers remained with the Barkers at the new address until about the time Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdette were arrested.

Mr. Connelley said that Sawyer refuses to say where he was at the time the girls were picked up, despite the fact that it had been previously indicated that he went to Kansas City. Sawyer admits that he got \$2,000 from Fred Barker in Cleveland, but claims to have borrowed this money. While Sawyer declines to admit that this was his part of the ransom money, Mr. Connelley said it is known that at this time there had been a large part of the ransom money changed. Sawyer will not admit that this was any part of the ransom money, will not admit that he was in on the actual kidnaping, and will not admit that he knew the other parties were in on the kidnaping.

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Mr. Connelley said that about January of this year, while Harry Sawyer and Gladys were in Mississippi, Gladys went back to St. Paul for an unknown reason and secured the license for the Ford automobile which they had in Mississippi. She claims that she registered at a hotel in St. Paul under the name of Blanchard, but neither he nor she will admit what she actually went to St. Paul for.

Mr. Connelley said that Gladys Sawyer had told the Agents that she was going to get her things together, come to New Orleans, and get a train out of there for St. Paul. Mr. Connelley said that he had Agent Meekins check Gladys out of Pass Christian, and instead of taking a train out of there, she got one of the men down there to drive her to West Pass Christian, where she made inquiries of the ticket agent as to what the fare was to Omaha, Nebraska. When the ticket agent tried to sell her a ticket, she said that she was not going to buy her ticket until she got to New Orleans, as she might change her mind in the interim. Mr. Connelley said that in checking her out of New Orleans last night, they ascertained that she bought a through ticket on the Texas-Pacific line to Omaha. He said that they have the number of her reservation on this line, and in checking the time tables, they have found that she will arrive in Kansas City at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The next train out of Kansas City for Omaha will leave about 8:25 o'clock, which will arrive in Omaha at 2:05 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Connelley said that he believes Gladys Sawyer either has some money in Omaha or has a contact there. He said that he believed it to be a good idea to call the Kansas City Office and have them contact this train to see what she does while she is in Kansas City; that after this, they should trail her on to Omaha where she should be picked up by Agents of the Omaha Office for the purpose of seeing where she goes.

In connection with the automobile which they left in Omaha, which car was later stolen by Alice Conrad on January 25, 1935, they state they first left this car in Des Moines. Mr. Connelley said that this might indicate a possibility of their having been in contact with William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. However, Mr. Connelley said that both Harry Sawyer and Gladys Sawyer tried to impress upon him how very unfriendly they were with William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

Mr. Connelley said that he would remain in New Orleans the remainder of today and question Sawyer some more; that he will advise the Bureau promptly of any developments, and will also advise the Bureau when he departs for his headquarters.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1935.

Time-7:20 P. M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR NATHAN  
MR TAMM

Mr. Whitley telephoned and stated that Agents Hanson and Malone contacted Kahn of Elmhurst, Illinois, at the Bremen; that Kahn is sailing on the Bremen at midnight for Germany; that Kahn claims that he does not know any of the gang, including Volney Davis; that he has met Elmer Farmer. Mr. Whitley stated that it seems that Kahn has been operating a tourist camp in Elmhurst, Illinois for the past six years, and during the last year or so, Farmer has been there once or twice to see Kahn about putting in some slot machines for him; that this is the only contact that he has had with Farmer, and, that on one or two occasions, Farmer took the whole family out to a moving picture show, but this was only a friendly business relationship; that Kahn claims that he never heard of Volney Davis or any other members of the gang, except having read about them in the paper; that if any of them have ever stayed at his tourist camp, he does not know when it was or anything else about it.

Mr. Whitley further stated that Kahn is a German by birth and has been in this country about thirty three years and has been naturalized; that he is going back to Germany to visit his brother with his whole family; that they have planned on this trip for a number of years; that he has leased his tourist camp out for the next five years; that he plans to be in Germany for about three months and when he returns to this country, he can be reached through Elmhurst, Illinois, where he has property.

Mr. Whitley further stated that Agent Hanson believes Kahn to be a decent sort of a fellow, a quiet family man type; that Agent Hanson is inclined to believe his story and thinks he is telling the truth about it; that Agent Hanson, during the conversation with Kahn, indicated that if he did not tell the truth or tell us what he knew about the gang, he might not let him sail or might not let him come back into this country.

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Respectfully,

R. L. Moore.

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P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
May 9, 1935.

Mr. W. Sanders Gramling  
United States Attorney  
Miami, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Mr. John W. Holland, United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida, with his letter of April 27, 1935, to this office enclosed a copy of a motion filed by subject Cassius McDonald, praying that the Court direct an order to Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, directing him to deliver to McDonald certain papers alleged to have been taken from McDonald at the time of his arrest by Bureau Agents.

In this connection, please be advised that Mr. Hanson has informed that at the time of McDonald's arrest he had in his possession two leather zipper cases, which he surrendered voluntarily to Mr. Hanson. You will remember at this time it was thought that these might have been the cases which were used by McDonald in carrying certain money to Cuba. Mr. Hanson has further advised that at that particular time it was your opinion that the custody of these cases should be secured. Further, that McDonald, upon being asked for the cases, voluntarily tendered them to Mr. Hanson with their entire contents, all of which are now in your possession.

It is respectfully requested that, if it becomes necessary to relinquish custody of this material, photostatic copies be made of all papers contained in the zipper cases.

It will be greatly appreciated by this office if you will keep me advised concerning this matter so that proper steps can be taken to have the desired photostatic copies made in the event the Court orders the delivery of the aforementioned material to McDonald.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: St. Paul  
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Cincinnati

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 9, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218-  
FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is letter written by  
Delores Delaney to her mother, Mrs. Helen Delaney.  
It has been scrutinized by this office and is of no  
informative value.

Thanking you for your cooperation in  
this as in past instances, I am,

Very truly yours

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D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minn.

May 7, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG. I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUG. I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to letter from the Detroit Bureau Office to the Bureau, dated April 24, 1935, copy of which was furnished this office, requesting that copies of certain reports in the above entitled case be furnished the Cleveland Office, please be advised that there are enclosed herewith one copy of each of the following reports:

Agent	City	Date
D. L. Nicholson	St. Paul, Minn.	10/16/34
D. M. Ladd	St. Paul, Minn.	11/10/34
D. M. Ladd	St. Paul, Minn.	11/19/34
J. E. Brennan	St. Paul, Minn.	2/7/35
J. E. Brennan	St. Paul, Minn.	3/2/35
J. E. Brennan	St. Paul, Minn.	3/11/35

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 7, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 -  
FUGITIVE; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping - Harboring and Obstruction  
of Justice - National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Chicago Office to the New York Office dated April 12, 1935, wherein it was requested that investigation be conducted relative to long distance calls made from the offices of the Motion Picture Operators Union, Chicago, Illinois, to Cadillac 3050, Detroit, Michigan, on January 2, 1935 and again on February 5, 1935, as well as to Redford 0666, Detroit, Michigan, on March 6, 1935, for the purpose of ascertaining if the above telephones are listed in the names of persons who may be contacts of the fugitives in the instant case.

Cadillac 3050 is the telephone number of the Detroit Motion Picture Projectionists, 1002 Hoffman Building, Detroit, Michigan, and telephone number Redford 0666 is listed in the name of Roger M. Kennedy, 14610 Rutland Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Polk's Detroit city directory for 1934 lists the occupation of Kennedy as Business Manager, Detroit Motion Picture Operators Union, Local #199.

In view of the fact that the above mentioned telephone calls seemingly pertain to business matters of the Motion Picture Operators Union, no further investigation is being conducted relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS MAY 8-1936 5:15 PM

D. W. MAGEE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

May 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234  
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WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your telephonic communication with me yesterday at which time you requested that it be ascertained by this office whether subject BRUNO AUSTIN with aliases was wanted by the Chicago Police Department.

In accordance with the information furnished you telephonically by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer of this office today, Chief of Detectives Sullivan of the Chicago Police Department telephonically advised Agent Zimmer just prior to the call made to your office, that subject Austin was not wanted by the Chicago Police Department, inasmuch as the case on bond forfeiture against him in the local courts had previously been disposed of.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUG. I.O. 1237;  
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HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to letter from the Chicago Bureau Office dated April 24, 1935, in which it was requested that copies of twenty-five reports, one memorandum, two letters and one telegram in the above entitled matter be furnished to the Cincinnati Bureau Office, please be advised that there are enclosed herewith, two copies of all such reports of which the St. Paul Office has three copies and one copy of all such reports of which the St. Paul Office has two copies.

Relative to the memorandum referred to in the Chicago letter, as memorandum of W. A. Rorer, dated February 24, 1934, and Chicago serial number K7-82-78A, it does not appear that the St. Paul Office has such a memorandum. This office does, however, have a report by W. A. Rorer dated February 14, 1934 and a memorandum of Mr. Rorer dated February 26, 1934. If the Cincinnati Office will advise which, if either, of these serials is desired, same will be forwarded immediately.

The communications being forwarded are listed as follows:

Communication	Date	Submitted by Agent	St.P. Serial
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" "	9/10/34	F. J. Lackey	7-30-3982
" "	10/30/34	J. V. Doherty	7-30-4411
" "	3/5/35	D. S. Hostetter	7-30-5567
" "	5/8/34	M. C. Spear	7-30-2546
" "	5/29/34	Paul Hansen	7-30-2713

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Encls.

CC Bureau  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
MYRTLE MATON with aliases, I.O. 1241, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

In confirmation of a telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Special Agent Waters of this office, on May 6, 1935, wherein Mr. Connelley advised that Gladys Sawyer had departed from New Orleans via the Texas and Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railroad for Omaha, with a change of trains at Kansas City, you are advised that Special Agent Parry of this office boarded the train at Osawatomie, Kansas at 5:40 A.M., and from inquiries made of the train crew ascertained that Gladys Sawyer had contacted no one enroute. Special Agent Parry also determined that her baggage check numbers were B16-780 and B16-781.

The train from New Orleans arrived at Union Station, Kansas City, at 7:30 A.M. this morning, and Gladys Sawyer was placed under surveillance by Agents of this office under the direction of the undersigned. On alighting from the train she proceeded to the main waiting room of the station where she contacted the porter, shortly thereafter proceeding to the station restaurant with an elderly lady whom she had apparently met on the train, and who obviously had no connection with the instant case. Emerging from the restaurant she conversed briefly with a ticket agent, of whom she inquired whether there was a stopover at Lincoln, Nebraska. She thereupon proceeded to the Ladies Rest Room, and it was ascertained subsequent thereto from Mrs. West, in charge of the Travelers Aid Society at the station, that she had not made any telephone calls or contacts there. She then proceeded to the drug store; thence to the waiting room, and again returned to the dining room to converse briefly with the elderly lady. On leaving the dining room she proceeded to the main waiting

room until about ten minutes before train time, when she boarded the train.

Special Agent Heavrin of this office also boarded the train and accompanied her to Omaha. On the evening of May 6, 1935, the Omaha Office was advised that Special Agent Heavrin would accompany Gladys Sawyer to Omaha, and descriptive data of the above Agent was furnished that office for the purpose of identifying him on his arrival there.

On the morning of May 7, 1935, the Omaha Office was also telephonically advised of her baggage check numbers so that appropriate inquiries, if necessary, could be made relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

JJW:es

cc - Bureau  
cc - Omaha  
cc - New Orleans  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Chicago

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St. Paul; Omaha.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
OMAHA NEBRASKA

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BREKID REFERENCE REPORT J R GREEN OMAHA TWENTY NINTH ULTIMO FORD CAR LOCATED  
LONGBEACH MISSISSIPPI POSSESSION WIFE SUBJECT HARRY SAWYER CHECK IMMEDIATELY  
FACTS SURROUNDING PURCHASE POINTS OF RESIDENCE SAWYER WITH VIEW OF SECURING  
INFORMATION ON TRAVELER OR OTHER SUBJECTS STOP INSTANT CAR BEARS MOTOR SEVEN  
THREE SEVEN NINE SIX TWO STOP SUBJECT SAWYER CUSTODY HERE STOP WIFE CLAIMS  
BORN MURRAY NEBRASKA STEPFATHER WILLIAM A BUNDY RESIDING NEAR SIDNEY  
NEBRASKA ALSO TWO HALF BROTHERS ALFRED AND PAUL BUNDY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
IMMEDIATELY STOP ANN WRIGHT IS MRS SAWYER

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CLEVELAND OHIO

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BREKID OHIO LICENSE RECORDS SHOW LICENSE EIGHT THREE NINE EIGHT  
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ON NINETEEN THREE TWO BUICK COUPE MOTOR TWO SIX TWO EIGHT FIVE  
SIX EIGHT ASCERTAIN AND WIRE IDENTITY BUSINESS AND REPUTATION  
JACK BERG

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**U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**42 U. S. COURT HOUSE & P O**  
**JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA**

**BREKID ADVISE IDENTITY AND REPUTATION TYPE CAR FLORIDA LICENSE**  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 9, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218-FUG.;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237-FUG.;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240-FUG.;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
BRUNO PUTAS, with aliases - FUG., et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATL. FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Reference is made to my letter of May 6, 1935, relating to communications which are being "smuggled" out of the Ramsey County Jail by Arthur R. Barker to Mildred Kuhlman and her replies thereto; it is noted that in this communication the name of the deputy sheriff who is taking these letters in and out and furnishing them to this office prior to delivery is given as Fred Herman. This should be corrected to read Jack Hession.

Mildred Kuhlman is now registered at Room 304, Fredrick Hotel, under the name of Margaret Edwards; and the Deputy Hession is registered in Room 300, Fredrick Hotel, under the name of Ben Winkle.

On May 4th, Mildred Kuhlman sent a letter to Doc Barker, copy of which is hereto attached. On May 5th, Barker answered this letter; a copy of his reply is also attached. On the same date, Mildred Kuhlman wrote to Doc Barker; a copy of her letter is attached.

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Under date of May 7th, Doc Barker sent a letter to Mildred Kuhlman, copy of which is attached; and a copy of her reply to this letter, dated May 7th, as well as reply by Barker, dated May 8th, are attached hereto.

The "B" and "T" referred to in these communications are undoubtedly Bert and Ted Angus, who operate the Casino Club in Toledo.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota,

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim; KIDNAPING, HARBORING  
OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 9, 1935, with which you enclosed three copies of letters from Mildred Kuhlman, dated May 4, May 5, and May 7, 1935, together with copies of letters from Doc Barker dated May 5, May 7, and May 8, 1935.

In the letter of Doc Barker dated May 7, 1935, the following statement appears:

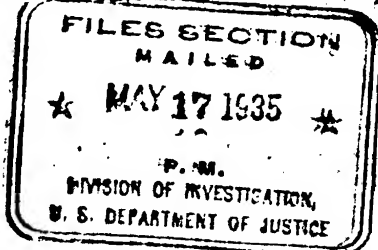
From this statement, it appears that Mildred must have written to Doc concerning such a dream. However, in the copies of letters which you forwarded, no letter written by Mildred contains any reference to a dream of this character. In view of this circumstance, it would appear that your office is not receiving all of the letters which are being written by Doc and Mildred.

It is requested that your office ascertain whether any letters have been delivered by Deputy Sheriff Jack Session to either Doc or Mildred and have not been first taken to your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati



Handwritten signature "E. J. Connelley" and initials "EJ" in the bottom right corner.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

May 9, 1935.

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Number: 7-576-5899

Specimens: See page 2.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Bureau Office.

Date received: 5-9-35

Examination requested: Typewriting and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Conrad.

The typewriting appearing on the original letter addressed to Mr. R. R. Brown, is not identical with that appearing on any of the known specimens submitted.

In the examiner's opinion, the typewriting on the original letter is that of an L. C. Smith typewriter, equipped with pica size type; all of the known pica specimens submitted appear to be from a single Underwood typewriter.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

Photographic copies of the original evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - Jacksonville.  
1 - E. J. Connelley - Cincinnati.  
1 - St. Paul.  
2 - Laboratory.

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SPECIMENS:

- 7-576-5899 A. One page letter dated December 14, 1934, typed on one side of plain, white paper, beginning "Just a few line to let you know that things" and ending with a P.S.: "Expect to run down to the country very soon."
- " B. Envelope addressed to Mr. R. R. Brown, Hotel El Comodoro, and postmarked "Haban, Cuba, December 15, 1934, 2 PM", bearing a 10¢ Cuban stamp.
- " C. Copy of Specimen A on typewriter at Hotel Parkview, Havana.
- " D. Additional specimen from Underwood typewriter at Parkview Hotel, Havana.
- " E. Carbon copy of a letter addressed to Peerless Travel Bureau, dated August 1, 1933, which was secured from files of the Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba.
- " F. Carbon copy of letter addressed to Mrs. Walter E. Hanley, dated December 12, 1934, which was secured from files of Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba.
- " G. Partial copy of letter to Brown, typed on Underwood typewriter in restaurant in Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba.

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May 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division May 9, 1935.

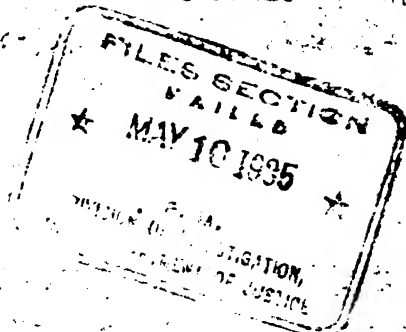
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #12388

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc - E. J. Connelley - Cincinnati.  
St. Paul.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I. O.  
et al.; Edward George Bremer  
Victim, Kidnaping.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Mr. Carson.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Smith.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

A. M. Kohn, main fingerprint classifier, returned to Washington on April 24, 1935 from St. Paul, Minnesota, where he testified at the trial of ten defendants charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer. The testimony of Mr. Kohn involved the identification of a latent fingerprint on a gasoline can found near Portage, Wisconsin as that of the right index finger of "Doc" Barker.

This employee reports that his qualification as an expert was waived by defense counsel, following hurried advice to the remaining defense attorneys by Messrs. McMeekin and Hoffman, who had also acted as lawyers for the defendants in the trial of Evelyn Frechette, and others, for harboring John Dillinger. Mr. Kohn had presented fingerprint testimony at this latter trial, which was held in St. Paul during May, 1934.

The witness remained on the stand substantially all of the afternoon session of Monday, April 22, and the morning session of Tuesday, April 23. During this time he was subjected to lengthy cross-examination by five of the defense attorneys.

On direct examination he was permitted to state that the fingerprints of "Doc" Barker, which were taken after his apprehension in January, 1935, revealed a direct attempt at mutilation in an effort to defeat identification.

Mr. Kohn states that the court and jury exhibited great interest in the fingerprint testimony, and that the enlarged positive films or superimposed "transparencies", which were accepted in evidence, proved very effective in addition to the photographic enlargements.

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Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan was present during the presentation of most of the fingerprint testimony, and he commented favorably upon the manner in which the witness conducted himself.

Newspaper reporters present at the trial requested copies of the photographic enlargements of the fingerprints, and were referred to Mr. Keenan. Although the requests were denied, photographs of the fingerprints appeared in an April 23 edition of a Minneapolis newspaper. Mr. Kohn is of the opinion that they were secured from defense attorneys, who had copies of the enlargements in their possession.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey  
P. Coffey.

Such request should have been referred to Special Agent in Charge of District 4, St. Paul, Minn. to Keenan.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, May 10, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated March 26, 1935, requesting that certain temporary "wanted" notices reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of various members and associates of the Barker-Karpis gang, received with Bureau letter, dated October 13, 1934, be withdrawn from the police departments with which placed.

I would respectfully state that these temporary "wanted" notices had been placed with the police departments at Butte, Billings and Great Falls, Montana, and Pocatello, Idaho, and that Agents of this office have personally called upon the Chief of Police or person in charge of the identification bureaus in these cities and requested the following "wanted" notices withdrawn:

FRED BARKER, with aliases - Division No. 59163  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - Division No. 419856  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases - Division No. 400441  
JESS DOYLE - Division No. 99402  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases - Division No. 337474  
EDNA MURRAY, with aliases - Division No. 9397  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases - Division No. 421335  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases - Division No. 17920

The writer handled the matter at Butte, Montana; Special Agent George Costello at Billings and Great Falls, Montana, and Special Agent D. E. Hall at Pocatello, Idaho.

Very truly yours,

MAY 16 1935

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cc St. Paul  
Cincinnati

D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

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REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Ind.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-9-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-2, 16, 17, 26-35	REPORT MADE BY: G. B. O'CONNELL
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236 VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237 WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240 MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
<p>Temporary wanted notices on Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, and Myrtle Eaton withdrawn from Police Department files at Muncie, Terre Haute, and Evansville, Indiana. Investigation at Princeton, Indiana, produced no information as to whereabouts of Dr. Moran.</p>			
<p>Reference: Bureau letter dated 3-26-35; summary report Special Agent F. G. Tilman, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-22-35; report Special Agent Bliss Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 8-15-34; report Special Agent K. R. McIntyre, Chicago, Illinois, dated 7-3-34.</p>			
<p>Details: AT MUNCIE, INDIANA</p> <p>K. Horseman, Identification Unit, Muncie Police Department, when interviewed, returned to Agent temporary wanted notices</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Reinecke</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5952		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 13 1935
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After surrendering the above, there remained in the files of the Muncie Police Department only the following temporary wanted notices which they will continue as active:

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AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Special Agent Nelson Perry contacted Chief of Detectives James A. Mitchell, Terre Haute Police Department, who upon request stated that he would withdraw the Bureau's temporary wanted notices from his files as follows:

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Detective Mitchell agreed to retain in his active files the following temporary wanted notices:

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The following investigation at Evansville and Princeton, Indiana, was conducted by Special Agent H. B. Dill:

**AT EVANSVILLE, INDIANA**

Mr. Albert Felker, in charge of the Identification Unit, Evansville Police Department, upon request of Agent withdrew temporary wanted notices from his files as follows:

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Mr. Felker advised Agent that there remained in the active files of the Evansville Police Department the following temporary wanted notices which would be continued as active:

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Charles J. Fitzgerald

**AT PRINCETON, INDIANA**

Postmaster Earl M. Miller and Assistant Postmaster Carl Wood, when interviewed at the Princeton Post Office, stated that they had kept a close watch on mail addressed to the Leslie Brock family and that no unusual mail had been received by any of them since Special Agent Bliss Morton of the Indianapolis Bureau Office had contacted them. They added that Postman John Brooks carried the mail to the Brock home at 221 Monroe Street and that he checked the mail every day and upon instructions reported all mail addressed to any of the Brocks that might be from Dr. Moran.

Mr. John Brooks, 712 Broadway, when interviewed by Agent, stated that he delivered mail to the Brock family at 221 West Monroe Street and that it had been explained to him that Dr. Moran is a brother to Mrs. Leslie Brock and accordingly he has been checking every piece of mail to that address in order that tracing may be made of any letters that might be from Dr. Moran. He added that he had been delivering mail on the route for several years and added that if any mail was delivered to the Brooks that looked unusual, he would return it to the Post Office in order that a tracing might be made and sent to the Indianapolis Bureau Office.

No cover was placed on mail addressed to the Brooks in view of the interest being maintained by the Postmaster, Assistant Postmaster, and Carrier, all of whom had promised to report and trace any mail that might possibly be from Dr. Moran.

Mr. Coy Stump, Manager of the Western Union Office, on being interviewed by Agent, stated that none of the Brock family had either received or sent a telegram from that office since Special Agents Hurley and Morton of the Indianapolis Bureau Office were in Princeton working on this case. He added that he remained at the Western Union Office all the time it was open and gave assurance that he would report any telegram that was either received or sent by the Brooks if the telegram appeared to concern Dr. Moran. Mr. Stump was again furnished the address of the Indianapolis Bureau Office.

Mr. John M. Parrett, Manager of the telephone company at Princeton, Indiana, when contacted by Agent at the telephone office, stated that he had instructed his operators to report to him any long distance calls received or sent by the Brooks in order that he might check to ascertain whether or not it concerned Dr. Moran. He added that he had maintained a close watch for such messages since Special Agent Morton of the Indianapolis Office visited him on this matter. He was again furnished with the telephone number and address of the Indianapolis Bureau Office.

Mrs. Leslie Brock, 221 West Monroe Street, stated that her sister, Mrs. Kate Lauer, had returned to Spring Valley, Illinois, last September. When Agent inquired if she knew the whereabouts



of Dr. Moran she stated that she had rather not talk about the matter and added that if she knew the whereabouts of Dr. Moran she would not tell.

Agent called at 228 West Monroe Street and asked if Mr. Brock lived there and when the woman who answered the door stated that he lived across the street, Agent gave a description of Moran and asked if there was anybody who would fit that description staying at the Brock residence, to which she answered "No," and added that no one lived there other than the immediate Brock family.

Mr. Leslie Brock was not interviewed since that was deemed inadvisable at this time.

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ST LOUIS OFFICE at Spring Valley, Illinois

If it has not already done so, will contact Mrs. Kate Lauer in an endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of Dr. Joseph Moran.

Will also consider the advisability of placing a mail cover on Mrs. Kate Lauer's mail.

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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 10, 1935

WS  
Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
1218 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT. St. Paul file 7-30

The United States Attorney at St. Paul has requested that a photostatic copy of the contract in the name of MRS. F. E. GORDON and ARTHUR R. GORDON for their safety deposit box in the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company in Chicago, Illinois, be furnished to him at an early date for use in connection with this case. Accordingly, it is requested that the photostats in question be forwarded to the St. Paul office for transmittal to the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 11, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
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On May 7, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley telephoned from New Orleans and advised that HARRY SAWYER would leave New Orleans the following morning at 8:30 in custody of two Deputy Marshals for St. Paul via Chicago. He advised that the Deputy Marshals planned on leaving Chicago at 10:00 a.m., May 9th, on the Chicago Northwestern Railway, arriving in St. Paul that evening at 8:25.

Mr. Connelley requested that this information be conveyed to the United States Marshal sometime Thursday in order that appropriate arrangements might be made to meet the Deputies and the prisoner. Mr. Connelley was of the opinion that it would not be advisable to notify the Marshal prior to Thursday for fear of newspaper publicity.

During the telephone conversation, Mr. Connelley was asked whether it was desired that Harry Sawyer be questioned upon his arrival in St. Paul, and answered in the affirmative. Therefore, the St. Paul office will make a determined effort to obtain information germane to this case from Sawyer.

As you were advised in my teletype message on the night of May 9th, Sawyer arrived in St. Paul at 8:25 p.m., and was

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immediately taken to the County Jail in St. Paul where he is now lodged in solitary confinement. The United States Attorney has instructed the Marshal to permit no interviews unless O.K'd by himself or this office.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:HVS  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/2-3/35	REPORT MADE BY: M. D. Traub
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with Als. - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with Als. I. O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with Als. I. O. 1236 VOLNEY DAVIS with Als. - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237 WILLIAM WEAVER with Als. I. O. 1238 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with Als. I. O. 1239 SYNOPSIS: HARRY WATSON with Als. I. O. 1240 MYRTLE EATON with Als. I. O. 1241 OLIVER A. BERG with Als. - FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The telephone number Wolfe 3488 is a pay station telephone and is located at 1401 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland, a confectionery store operated by one Nathan Weinstein.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated April 25, 1935.			
DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.  This agent discreetly interviewed Mr. George H. Brown, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, First National Bank Building, Baltimore, Maryland, and ascertained that the telephone number Wolfe 3488 is a public telephone, a pay station, located at 1401 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland, in Nathan Weinstein's confectionery store, said			
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telephone having been signed for by Nathan Weinstein, the proprietor of the store, according to the records of the Telephone Company.

Effort was made to trace information from the Telephone Company relative to the call made on April 16, 1933, at 1:41 p.m., asking for Mr. Blink, but no record could be found.

Discreet inquiry made at the 1401 East Baltimore Street address where the pay station is located, but the identity of Mr. Blink could not be learned.

The records at the United States Attorney's Office reveal that one Nathan Weinstein, United States Attorney's file No. 33781, was arrested on August 1, 1933 for violation of the National Prohibition Act and the case was dismissed.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

May 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
1218 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT. Chicago file 7-82

Reference is made to your letter dated May 10, 1935,  
in which you request that a photostatic copy of the contract in  
the name of Mrs. F. E. Gordon and Arthur H. Gordon for their  
safety deposit box in the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company in  
Chicago be furnished.

I am attaching hereto the original replica which is  
made on tissue paper and appears to be a tracing of this con-  
tract, and I am also attaching the photostatic copy which was  
already in the file in the Chicago Office.

In order that you might have all the information pos-  
sible in this matter, I am forwarding also two extra photo-  
static copies which were made this morning.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 822,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

AIR MAIL- SPECIAL DELIVERY

May 9, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.  
1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O.  
1240; MYRTLE LATON with aliases, I.O.  
1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT -  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Confirming telephonic conversation had with you today by  
Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, please be advised that with reference to the  
telephone call made by Special Agent John E. Brennan of your office earlier  
in the day to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, the following investi-  
gation was made:

George W. Durphy, who testified yesterday in the Bremer case  
as a character witness for John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, has resided at the  
Ambassador Hotel at 1300 North State Parkway for the past thirteen years.  
This hotel is considered reputable. The Assistant Manager, James Hart,  
was interviewed and he stated that he has known Durphy for thirteen years  
and considers him highly reputable and apparently of good moral character.  
Durphy travels in the company of persons of some wealth and of good reputa-  
tion who live along the "Gold Coast" in Chicago. Durphy, according to Hart,  
formerly was President of the Shale Tile Corporation, 134 North La Salle  
Street, which corporation is now out of business. Durphy is now unemployed,  
and is reported as not presently residing with his wife.

Investigation was made by Special Agent E. F. Enrich with  
reference to information in your teletype of today indicating that Durphy  
operated a bookmaking establishment in a barbershop on the west side of  
Dearborn Street, South of Washington Street, in the past year and that he  
formerly ran a bookmaking place in a hotel just north of the Sherman Hotel.

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Neighborhood investigation failed to disclose that Durphy had any such interest in the above bookmaking establishments or any others.

At the Astor Hotel discreet investigation disclosed that up until two years ago a book shop was formerly operated by a party named Dumfey, who was a large heavy set Jewish person. Like investigation at the Vincent Barber Shop at 38 North Dearborn Street disclosed that the book had been run at that address by three Jewish persons, one being similar in description to the Dumfey mentioned above. These places apparently are the two places referred to in your teletype of today. Inasmuch as this office does not have the description of Durphy, it is not known whether he is identical with Dumfey, the Jewish person referred to above.

Captain O'Connor of the First and Second District covering gambling activities in the loop district, was likewise interviewed and stated he had never heard of a man named Durphy either operating or being connected with any bookmaking establishment in the loop district.

There was no available criminal record found against Durphy at the Chicago Police Department. b7d

With reference to the mail robbery charges still pending against John J. McLaughlin, Post Office Inspector J. J. McCarthy, room 603, New Post Office Building, was interviewed by Special Agent M. Chaffetz, and he stated that he and Inspector McWhorter are actively engaged in investigation of the above mail robbery; that he would willingly testify for the Government; that he investigated McLaughlin in the above mentioned mail robbery and had him placed under arrest by Thomas S. Prinderville and Frank Fuerst, Chicago policemen; that he testified against McLaughlin before the Grand Jury. Inspector McCarthy stated he would not divulge any information obtained during his investigation, which may be used by the Post Office Inspectors as evidence in their case against McLaughlin. Inspector McCarthy stated he desired to discuss with the United States Attorney at St. Paul exactly what testimony he desired of him; that should anyone be subpoenaed in this matter, he would suggest that he and officer Thomas S. Prinderville, Chicago Police Department, room 603 New Post Office Building, residence 5655 South Homan Avenue, be subpoenaed. Inspector McCarthy stated that because of expected developments in the mail robbery case he and Prinderville would have to be in Chicago on May 15, 16, 17 and 18 and he expressed a desire to be subpoenaed at once so that he could furnish testimony before May 14, 1935.

Records of the Identification Bureau and the Detective Bureau, Chicago Police Department were checked but no record of an arrest could be found against John J. McLaughlin by that Department.

Willard Conroy, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Statistics, Chicago Police Department, was interviewed. It is Conroy's duty to clip out of the local Chicago papers all information pertaining to criminals and their activities. He checked through some of his records and ascertained that on February 1, 1935, November 30, 1934, and October 8, 1933, the Chicago American papers carried items concerning the arrest and criminal proceedings pending against McLaughlin in regard to the \$250,000 mail robbery which took place across from the United States Courthouse at Chicago, Illinois, on December 6, 1932. The paper of October 8, 1933, indicated that McLaughlin was at that time held in the DuPage County Jail on the above charge under \$50,000 bond. This was a rather lengthy article. Conroy stated that it would be possible to have his records checked back ten years to ascertain whether McLaughlin had ever been arrested or involved in any other criminal charges. He stated that he believed this to be the case and stated that he recalled that around 1930 McLaughlin was arrested as a suspect in the murder of Jake Lingle, a newspaper reporter at Chicago. In view of the desires of the United States Attorney, as expressed by you in a telephone conversation had with Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, a further check will be made of these newspaper clippings, in case it is believed desirable to subpoena officer Conroy.

Commissioner Allan, Chicago Police Department was out of the office all day and was not available for interview. He will be interviewed tomorrow morning and reports of this interview will be immediately forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
May 11, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of May 9, 1935, referring to my previous communication of May 5th, confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm on that date, when he suggested that there be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau for its inspection copies of all pertinent motions, as well as copies of all orders issued by the Court in this matter.

In my letter of May 9th I forwarded to the Bureau copies of Motions filed, also copies of three Court Orders relating to three of the Motions mentioned in my letter. In concluding my letter I advised the Bureau that Special Agent Roswell E. Smith was being instructed to immediately obtain and forward to this office for transmission to the Bureau any additional Court Orders which had been rendered in connection with the Motions mentioned in my letter of May 9th.

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This morning the Jacksonville Office is in receipt of a letter dated May 10, 1935, from Special Agent Smith in Miami, informing that the records in the Court Clerk's Office in Miami reflect that the Court has acted upon any of the other Motions or Demurrers filed up to this time.

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Reference is here made to the Motion filed by the Attorneys for defendant McDonald praying for a Court Order directing the return of certain property belonging to McDonald and alleged to have been taken from him by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, in case No. 4608. The Bureau in its letter of May 7, 1935, instructed that if it becomes necessary to relinquish the papers that were contained in the two leather zipper cases which McDonald voluntarily surrendered to Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, that photostatic copies be made of all papers contained in the zipper cases. According to Mr. Hanson, the zipper cases and their contents are now in possession of the United States Attorney's Office at Miami, Florida.

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Director,

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Agent Smith advised that he contacted Assistant United States Attorney, W. Sanders Gramling, at Miami, and was informed that while the court had not acted upon McDonald's motion for the return of the aforementioned material, that he had no doubt but that Judge Halsted Ritter would issue an order directing the return of this property, and seemed to be of the opinion that if any photostating was to be done that it should be done prior to the order for the reason that upon the issuance of such order time might not permit this being done before the date set for the return of these effects.

It is believed by the writer that it would be advisable to photostat this material in advance of any order, since it appears that when the order is entered it will be favorable to McDonald.

Mr. Gramling stated that he did not have this property in his possession, and did not know where it was unless Special Agent S. K. McKee had taken it to Havana.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida. A copy is also being routed to Special Agent S. K. McKee, now in Havana, Cuba. These Agents are being instructed to have this material photostated immediately upon Agent McKee's return to Miami from Havana.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. McKee  
Mr. Fitzsimons

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1935

Mr. Nathan	.....
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Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scheidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Time - 3:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *file*

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Mr. Harris at the Cincinnati Office with reference to the lead on several of the subjects in the above entitled case at Louisville, Kentucky, and informed him that in view of the dangerous character of the men thought to be in Louisville, it was desired that he dispatch some men and equipment from the Cincinnati Office to assist in the situation.

Mr. Harris said that he could send Agents Buchanan, Johnson and Bickley at once in a Buick automobile. I told him to take two Thompson Machine guns, two Colt Monitors, some gas equipment, and other equipment which might be deemed advisable to copy with an emergency situation. I told him that the Agents were stopping at the Tyler Hotel in Louisville; that Mr. Connelley is due to arrive in Louisville about 5:30 this evening to assist in the situation.

Mr. Harris said that these men would leave with the equipment mentioned as soon as possible.

Time - 3:30 P.M.

I telephoned Mr. Morton at the Indianapolis Office and advised him of the above information, and requested him to advise Mr. Connelley thereof when Mr. Connelley calls him from Louisville upon Mr. Connelley's arrival at that place.

Mr. Morton said that he believed this would be sufficient to take care of the situation, particularly in view of the fact that the men who are presently at Louisville have two Thompson Machine guns, two rifles, two gas guns, three shot guns and their side arms.

Respectfully, *Tamm* - 5959  
E. A. TAMM  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

**St. Louis** FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-10-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5-5-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. H. REDMOND</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases--FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases--FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM F. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases--FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--VICTIM,</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b> Robert B. Prout, owner of Ford Coupe, Missouri 1935 license 65811. He lives at Pine Lawn, Mo., and was associated with the General Materials Company, St. Louis, until about two years ago. Thought to own racehorses and do occasional selling. Good reputation in business and neighborhood. No criminal record.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Telegram from Kansas City Bureau office, dated May 5, 1935.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> This investigation was made at the telegraphic request of the Kansas City office, which asked that the name of the owner of Ford coupe, Missouri license number 65811 be ascertain and inquiries made as to his reputation, the results to be wired to the Indianapolis office. The facts contained in this report were accordingly telegraphed to the Indianapolis office on May 5, 1935.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> The Automobile Bureau of the St. Louis Police Department stated that Missouri, 1935 license 65811 was issued to B. Prout, 3837 Manola Avenue, St. Louis County, for a Ford car, motor number 336,090. No B. Prout could be found in the telephone directory, nor in the 1934 St. Louis County Directory, but a Robert B. Prout, residing at 3837 Manola Avenue, Pine Lawn, St. Louis County, Missouri, in both places. The 1933 St. Louis City Directory listed Robert B. Prout as a Department Superintendent for</p>			
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the General Materials Company, whose offices are located at 605 Buder Building, with four plants located in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. A. C. Butterworth was listed as President and Treasurer, and Mr. H. F. Thompson as Vice-President of this company.

Mr. A. C. Butterworth, residing at 4954 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, stated that he knew Mr. Prout personally through his association with him in the General Materials Company for about five years ending a year and a half or two years ago. Mr. Prout, prior to his employment by the General Materials Company, was a salesman for the Western Automobile Company, auto dealers, for several years. He was made manager of the trucking division when twenty-five new trucks were added to the fleet owned by the General Materials Company. This, according to Mr. Butterworth, was a responsible position, and Mr. Prout proved to be both capable and trustworthy in discharging the duties. His connection with the company was severed only because of the falling off of business. Mr. Butterworth did not know the present occupation of Mr. Prout.

Mr. C. P. Carson, 3835 Manola Avenue, Pine Lawn, Missouri, who is a next-door neighbor to Mr. Prout, said that Mr. Prout had lived in that neighborhood for the last five years. He owns his home, and has a wife and two children. There is no B. Prout in the family, and the listing in the register of state auto licenses must apply to the Ford car owned by him. Mr. Carson was unable to say what is Prout's present occupation, but he thinks that he owns two race horses, which he races at the Fairmount Race Trace, Fairmount, Illinois, and occasionally acts as a salesman.

Inquiry at the Sheriff's office, Clayton, St. Louis County, Missouri, disclosed that there was no record of Robert B. Prout having been arrested. Sheriff Deuser was not acquainted with anyone of that name, and could give no information as to his reputation.

The Bureau of Records, St. Louis Police Department, had in their files a record of the following arrests of Robert B. Prout:

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According to these arrest cards, he is forty-five years of age, and was born in Kentucky.

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Dear Sir:

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IN RE: VINITA STACEY with aliases  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING JESS DOYLE

MAY 24 1935

The Bureau is advised that the possibility of successful prosecution of Vinita Stacey on the charge of harboring Jess Doyle has been discussed several times with Assistant United States Attorney Blair of Kansas City by Special Agent Waters of this office. Mr. Blair expressed the opinion that the case against her was very weak because there was no admissible evidence tending to show that Vinita Stacey had notice or knowledge that Jess Doyle, under that name, had been indicted at St. Paul. Furthermore, the fact that Jess Doyle was released in St. Paul would tend to weaken the case considerably, although Mr. Blair expressed the opinion that technically the release of Jess Doyle would have no direct effect in law in the prosecution of Vinita Stacey.

It was explained to Mr. Blair that Vinita Stacey showed indications of cooperating with this office and, accordingly, at the hearing May 7, 1935 at Kansas City the complaint against her was dismissed subject to being reinstated by the Government on the development of additional facts.

The previous conversations had between Special Agent in Charge Nathan and Special Agent Bryce relative to her cooperating with this office were discussed with Vinita Stacey. She stated that under no circumstances would she deal with anyone besides Agent Bryce at this office, and she informed that Agent yesterday in the Federal Building that she did not wish to talk to him, Bryce, in the presence of her attorney, which tends to show a desire to cooperate on her part. She informed Agent Bryce that she would call him later in the day, which she did. At that time she informed the above Agent that in the event Volney Davis gets in touch with her she will immediately call him, no matter where she may be. She also requested Agent Bryce to inform her whether any

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money would be paid for turning Davis in, and it will be appreciated if the Bureau will advise whether it deems it feasible to suggest an amount to Vinita Stacey for information leading to the apprehension of Davis. Unquestionably the latter will contact her as soon as he is of the opinion she has "cooled off".

With respect to the prosecution of Vinita Stacey in Jackson County State Court at Kansas City, Missouri, for the felonious assault of Mrs. Helen Rush alias Frances Taylor, Special Agent Waters of this office conferred with Assistant County Prosecutor Gilwee, who stated the charges were still pending against her but no definite decision had been made relative to proceeding with the prosecution because the victim, Mrs. Helen Rush, has been sentenced from Topeka, Kansas to five years imprisonment at the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, on an extortion charge which was investigated sometime ago by Post Office Inspectors. The question of returning the victim to Kansas City was discussed, and Mr. Gilwee indicated that there were not sufficient funds available for her return as a witness. He stated, however, he would confer with County Prosecutor Graves and would advise this office within the immediate future of their decision.

Vinita Stacey informed Special Agent Bryce that she plans to open a beer garden at McPherson, Kansas, in the near future, and the above Agent is of the opinion that she is sincere in her statement that she will furnish information concerning Davis' whereabouts as soon as she obtains it.

The file in this office on the instant case is not being closed at this time pending further developments in this matter. A disposition sheet is forwarded herewith to the Bureau containing information relative to the dismissal of the complaint.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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May 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VINITA STACEY, with aliases;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING JESS DOYLE.

Dear Sir:

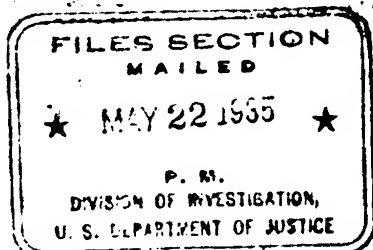
Reference is made to your letter of May 8, 1935, in which you state that the complaint against Vinita Stacey was dismissed, subject to being reinstated by the Government on the development of additional facts, and that Vinita Stacey has indicated a desire to cooperate with the Bureau for the purpose of locating Volney Davis.

In answer to your inquiry as to whether the Bureau deems it feasible to suggest an amount to Vinita Stacey for information leading to the apprehension of Davis, please be advised that the Bureau will pay \$500 for information furnished to the Bureau which results in the apprehension of Volney Davis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

May 10, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218 -  
FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATL. FIREARMS  
ACT. (St. Paul file No. 7-30)

There is attached hereto the fingerprints of Preston L. Paden, who is the son of Edna Murray, with aliases. These fingerprints were taken at the St. Paul Bureau office on May 4, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218 -  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - victim.  
KIDNAPING & HARBORING OF  
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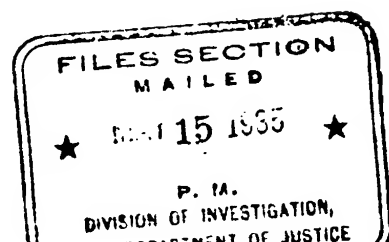
Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be  
advised that an examination of the fingerprint records  
of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any  
data concerning the following:

---, Preston L. Peden

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Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Room 1408  
370 Lexington Avenue  
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May 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your air mail letter of May 10, 1935, Special Agent Thomas M. Mulherin telephoned R. M. Doyce, Assistant Cashier of the National City Bank at New York, who is in charge of the Cuban business of that bank, and informed him of the reluctance of the Management of the Cuban branch of the National City Bank to furnish signed statements.

Mr. Doyce stated that he would immediately send a cable to the Cuban branch of the National City Bank instructing that signed statements be furnished by the bank's employees to the representatives of the Bureau.

You have been telegraphically advised of the action taken by the head office of the National City Bank today.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau  
cc: Cincinnati  
cc: St. Paul.

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May 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218-FUGITIVE;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235; VOLNEY  
DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237-FUGITIVE; DR.  
JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM  
WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE MATON, with  
aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated May 9, 1935 stating that William E. Vidler, subject in this case, testified that he formerly worked for the Northmore Auto Sales Company located at 5928 North Western Avenue, and requesting that information be obtained regarding this employment.

A party named E. D. Meyers was located by Special Agent M. Chaffetz and the following information obtained from him:

He stated that he was employed as manager of the Northmore Auto Sales Company, which is located at the above address, from March to July, 1933; that this company was owned by a party named Milton Mann, by whom he was employed. This party, Mann, was a member of the Capone syndicate and was associated with all prominent members of that group. Although Meyers emphasized the fact that the automobile company was a legitimate concern, he did state that it was possible that it was used as a "front" for the activities of Mann as a bootlegger and run runner, which in fact, were Mann's actual operations.

Concerning Vidler, Meyers stated that he first became acquainted with him, as he now recalls, in the year 1930 when Vidler called at the automobile concern where Meyers was then employed for a car purchased by Mann. Meyers also added that he knows that Vidler was associated with Mann in some of his activities, particularly in his bookmaking place which was run jointly by Vidler and Mann.

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Meyers also stated that on numerous occasions he was sent to the bank by Mann to withdraw sums of money as large as \$2,000.00 at a time and which money he would deliver to Mann who in turn would use it to give to the "boss". Meyers stated that he knew this was "Boss" McLaughlin but never had any further information concerning this party except such facts as he would hear as to the "boss's" political connections.

Meyers emphasized the fact that he personally had no connections with Mann's operations outside of the automobile concern which he, Meyers, managed and which he stated was a legitimate automobile concern; that he worked for Mann because he paid him a good salary and because of the fact that he had been in the automobile business for a great number of years and was only desirous of earning a good living.

Meyers appears to be a reputable sort of person despite the fact that he admitted selling cars to known members of the Capone syndicate, but as he stated, that was always done as a purely business deal and that he would make these sales only for his commissions. Meyers stated that he would willingly testify for the Government concerning any associations that he knew of between Mann and Vidler and also concerning Mann's activities and also to the fact that Mann was killed as the result of a gang killing in 1933.

Should it be desired to subpoena Meyers, his address is 3820 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, which address is for the Tauber Motor Sales Company, which concern he now manages.

From the conversation had with this party it is Agent Chaffetz belief that he would make a good witness for the Government.

Commissioner of Police James P. Allman, Chicago Police Department, was interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, and he stated that before the Deputy Commissioner Alcock left for St. Paul, Alcock called on him and advised him of the subpoena he had received and stated that he would be forced to answer the subpoena, but that as soon as he reached St. Paul he would discuss with the United States Attorney there what his testimony would be as a character witness for John J. "Boss" McLaughlin.

Commissioner Allman further stated that he was not favorably inclined to having any Chicago Police Officer testify for a defendant in any case; that he would willingly testify for the Government, if subpoenaed, and he added, however, that he was not acquainted with McLaughlin and never met him and cannot remember ever having discussed McLaughlin with anyone up until the time that he read of McLaughlin's indictment in connection with the Bremer case. He stated that he knows

nothing concerning the man's reputation or his character and therefore does not believe his testimony would be of any value.

Commissioner Allman referred Agent to Captain Daniel J. Gilbert in charge of the Uniform Police Officers, and second in command to Commissioner Allman.

With Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, I interviewed Captain Daniel J. Gilbert, Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan, and Lieutenant Ed Duffy, all of whom indicated that they did not believe they would be effective witnesses due to their lack of knowledge concerning McLaughlin's reputation and character.

Captain Gilbert advised, however, that Lieutenant Birmingham had, sometime ago, arrested Gus Winkler and John R. "Babs" Moran one Sunday morning as they were leaving "Boss" McLaughlin's home; that Birmingham was acquainted with McLaughlin and through Commissioner Allman they expected to direct Lieutenant Birmingham to testify for the Government.

Undoubtedly the above arrest has reference to the arrest of J. R. Moran at Chicago, Illinois on February 12, 1933, Chicago Police Number C 46457.

Lieutenant Birmingham will be interviewed at Captain Gilbert's office tomorrow morning, at which time all the records concerning the above arrest will be available. The result of the above interview will be furnished you.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/9/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/15/35 to 5/6/35	REPORT MADE BY: B. L. Dameron
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping Harboring and Obstruction of Justice National Firearms Act
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Stops withdrawn on automobiles located or no longer desired. No indications Volney Davis contacting persons in Okla. Harry Campbell alleged to be in contact with relatives at Tulsa, Okla., and surveillance being maintained. Clyde Glover, alleged associate of Spike Lane and Volney Davis, has returned to Wichita, Kansas.			
DETAILS: In accordance with the summary report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Illinois, 4/29/35, stop cards have been withdrawn from the State Highway Commission at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as to all automobiles mentioned in said report as having been located, or their location no longer desired. At the time these stops were withdrawn verification was made of the fact that stops are now outstanding, and will be continued until withdrawn, on the following automobiles:  Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor #4543656 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4135550 Ford V-8, motor #18-493080			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Ameyl Brueley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-5970 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAY 13 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: ONE OF SECT. 1 FILE	
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Pontiac, motor #935155

Packard Club Sedan, motor #189533.

As to the Pontiac above mentioned, it will be noted that in the letter of Mr. E. J. Connelley addressed to the St. Paul office December 26, 1934, this automobile is mentioned as a Coach, and with serial #815837, whereas in the summary report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Illinois, 4/29/35, it is listed as a Sedan with serial #815227. The Chicago office has been requested to clarify this matter.

In continuation of the investigation as to Clyde Glover, an alleged associated of "Spike" Lane and Volney Davis, mentioned in the report of the writer dated 4/15/35, page seven, and in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3/30/35, Special Agent Donovan Owens has been maintaining contact with the landlord at the Donnelly Court Apartments, 1718 N. Indiana Avenue, Oklahoma City, and it has been ascertained that Glover returned to Wichita, Kansas on or about May 1, 1935 and is to be joined later by his wife. It was also ascertained that Glover is driving a 1934 Pontiac Sedan, motor #995140, bearing 1935 Oklahoma license #100 061.

On April 18, 1935 Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of the Kansas City office advised that as a result of the circularization of the Postmasters in the Kansas City district, information had been received from the Postmaster at Mount Vernon, Missouri to the effect that on April 11, a stranger rented a post office box there, and called at irregular intervals for mail; that the box was rented in the name of E. C. White, no address and no references; that mail was being received by White from a Mrs. Hennessey of Henryetta, Oklahoma, and was also receiving mail from Henryetta, Oklahoma bearing the return address of Post Office Box 846. It was thought that this may be an alias of subject Volney Davis, and investigation at Henryetta was requested.

Special Agent Paul Hansen proceeded to Henryetta, Oklahoma, where it was ascertained that Post Office Box 846 was rented by Mrs. Verl W. (Martha Lee) Myers, who resides in the Crabtree Addition to Henryetta. After making some inquiries concerning the reputation of Mrs. Myers, and maintaining a surveillance of her residence, it was deemed appropriate to make a direct interview. Agent Hansen thereupon interviewed Mrs. Myers, who related that she was separated from her husband, and rented this Post Office Box 846 under the name of Mrs. J. E. Knight for the purpose of communicating with one J. E. Cook, who resides about four miles from Mount Vernon, Missouri, and is employed by the Ajax Oil Company at Scott City, Missouri as a telegraph operator; that J. E. Cook is using the name of E. C. White, and that the use of these names and post office boxes was to eliminate any embarrassment to either of them. Mrs. Myers

exhibited a photograph of Cook alias White to Agent Hansen, which disclosed a slight resemblance between him and Volney Davis, but it was apparent that they are not identical. This information was transmitted by long distance telephone to Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, on April 20, 1935.

In continuation with the investigation for the purpose of interviewing members of the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club to ascertain if they had received any correspondence from subject Volney Davis, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent J. J. Perkins:

The following investigation was made by Special Agent J. J. Perkins at Capron, Oklahoma on April 15, 1935.

Investigation at Capron, Oklahoma disclosed that Mrs. Margaret Storer had been visiting her sister Mrs. O. Parker of Capron about one month prior to the date of agent's visit; that she had left for her home, 16 E. Warren Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. O. Parker was not available for interview, as she was away when agent was there, and the date of her return was unknown.

The records of the Capron, Oklahoma Post Office corroborated the information to the effect that Mrs. Storer's forwarding address is 16 W. Warren Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The advisability of continuing efforts to interview Mrs. Margaret Storer is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

For the information of interested offices, it has been ascertained that Dorothy Karpis, former wife of subject Karpis, is now residing at the Washington Hotel on North Main Street in Tulsa, and is interested in the "Kooky's Koffee Knp", a cafe located at 107 N. Main Street in Tulsa. Through information obtained from Carol Tankersley, it appears that Dorothy Karpis is no longer interested in her former husband, and it is believed that she would notify the Oklahoma City office in the event she received any information of value.

On April 23, 1935 an informant at Tulsa, Oklahoma stated to Special Agent Paul Hansen that subject Harry Campbell had been in Turley, Oklahoma at the home of Mrs. Mildred Jones, a sister of Wynona Burdette, the girl friend of Campbell. Agent Hansen conducted investigation, and verified the fact that Campbell had been to the home of Mrs. Jones, and since that time a surveillance has been maintained twenty-four hours per day on the home of Mrs. Mildred Jones. Said surveillance is presently being maintained, and details with respect thereto will be submitted in a report by Agent Hansen.

P E N D I N G

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-15. DWM/cw.

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/10/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/1-10/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. W. MAGEE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>


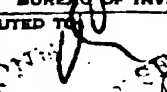
**Synopsis of Facts:**

Subject Harry Sawyer, as Charles Wright, reported as suspicious character at Pass Christian, Miss., by Deputy Sheriff William Simpson and Mississippi State Highway Officers to Special Agent C. H. Olson, and, from photograph, tentatively identified by them as Subject Moran, later as Subject Sawyer. Special Agent M. W. Meekins verifies identification of Sawyer under pretext. Subject Sawyer apprehended May 3, 1935, at Pass Christian, and removed on Bureau waiver to New Orleans, La., voluntarily, accompanied by wife, who was located at Monroe Court, Long Beach, Miss. No correspondence, Bremer or Hamm case ransom money found in possession Sawyer or wife. Federal process and removal to St. Paul reported in reference report. W. C. Stephenson, Gulfport, Miss., may be contact for Subject Sawyer. Stephenson reported to have relatives named Hutter at Omaha, Nebr. Mrs. Gladys Sawyer made hurried trip to Omaha in January or first February, 1935, flying back from Kansas City to Gulfport, Miss., purpose trip unknown. Sawyer and wife deny contact or knowledge location other Subjects. Investigation continuing at Gulf Coast cities in Mississippi for location Subject Moran and others. P.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of SAC D. W. Magee, New Orleans, La., 5/10/35; Letter of SAC E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, written at New Orleans, La., to Bureau, 5/7/35; Chicago Office telegram to New Orleans 5/8/35; report Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, 4/29/35.

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DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agents C. H. Olson, M. W. Meekins, L. A. Kindell, and the reporting agent.

Special Agent C. H. Olson, of the New Orleans Bureau Office, while engaged on other matters at Gulfport, Mississippi, had occasion to contact Mississippi State Highway Patrol Officer A. C. DeMetz, who informed Agent Olson that several weeks before a stranger known to him only as Charles Wright, described as age 45, height 5'10", weight 235 lbs., residing in some tourist cottages in a tourist camp at Long Beach, Mississippi, had made the acquaintance of Sam Myers and William Benevidas, of Pass Christian, Mississippi, about eight miles from Gulfport, Mississippi, and had financed these men, to the amount of approximately \$1,000.00, in the building and establishment of a negro beer parlor and lottery establishment, and further, that Wright had spent money very freely and was a suspicious character in that vicinity through his association with negroes, and further, that he appeared to be hiding for some purpose.

Agent Olson exhibited a large group of photographs of individuals wanted by the Bureau, particularly those in the Bremer kidnaping case, to Patrolman A. C. DeMetz and Deputy Sheriff William Simpson, of Gulfport, Mississippi, who had likewise observed the suspect, Charles Wright. These two officers at first tentatively identified the photograph of Subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Fugitive, I. O. #1232, as the suspect Charles Wright, but subsequently they stated that the full size photograph of Subject Harry Sawyer, I. O. #1240, appeared more to resemble Charles Wright.

Agent Olson related this information to the reporting agent at a subsequent date, upon his return to New Orleans, and Special Agent M. W. Meekins was instructed to view the suspect, Charles Wright, under a suitable pretext, and advise of his opinion.

Agent Meekins, using as a pretext his being a former liquor dealer and interested in purchasing the establishment of Charles Wright, interviewed him at his negro saloon and lottery establishment in a negro section of Pass Christian, Mississippi. He noted that Charles Wright took precaution to conceal his left hand, which, according to I. O. 1240, indicated a smashed left forefinger. Agent Meekins, after considerable conversation, inveigled Charles Wright to roll him a cigarette, and observed the smashed finger. Subject appeared considerably older and much heavier than the Identification Order description and photograph but Agent Meekins was firm in the opinion that he was Subject Harry Sawyer. He so advised the New Orleans Bureau Office by telephone.

The reporting agent advised the Bureau by telephonic communication on May 2, 1935, requesting advice whether surveillance should be planned or whether Subject Sawyer should be apprehended, in the event Charles Wright developed to be Subject Harry Sawyer.

Agents Olson, Meekins, Kindell and the reporting agent proceeded to Pass Christian, Mississippi, for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of Subject Harry Sawyer. Inasmuch as Deputy Sheriff William Simpson was one of the original informants in the instant matter, his cooperation was enlisted on the

instant investigation, with the understanding that in the event Charles Wright was Subject Harry Sawyer, the Bureau was to have complete jurisdiction of custody of the Subject. State Officer Delmetz was in Pensacola, Florida.

Agent Meekins, the reporting agent, and Deputy Sheriff Simpson proceeded to the negro saloon and lottery establishment and ascertained that Charles Wright would undoubtedly return that evening but that he was traveling in his Ford Coupe bearing a Nebraska license.

Agent Meekins and the reporting agent, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Simpson, located the aforementioned Ford car in front of a barroom located on the seawall at Pass Christian, Mississippi, and located and took into custody Charles Wright.

When confronted with the identity of the agents, Charles Wright blanched white and admitted his identity as Subject Harry Sawyer. He was immediately searched, handcuffed and leg-ironed, and removed by Agent Meekins and the reporting agent to Bay St. Louis, Miss., where he was cashed out and placed in custody of Special Agent C. H. Olson.

Agents Meekins, Kindell and the reporting agent proceeded to Long Beach, Miss., immediately, and located the wife of Subject Harry Sawyer, where both were living in the Monroe Court Tourist Cottages #2. She was known as Ann Wright, and readily admitted her identity as Mrs. Harry Sawyer. A thorough search of this cottage was made by Agents Meekins and Kindell and no correspondence or evidence of money was found in the place. She stated that she had resided with her husband in the vicinity of Gulfport, Pass Christian and Long Beach, Miss., since November, 1934.

A more complete interrogation of both Subject Harry Sawyer and his wife was conducted by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, of Cincinnati, who appeared in this territory on special assignment, and is set out in his letter to the Bureau dated May 7, 1935, copies of which were furnished the interested offices.

The Bureau was advised of the apprehension of Subject Sawyer in telephonic conversation the night of May 3, 1935.

Subject Harry Sawyer voluntarily signed a Bureau waiver to proceed with agents from the Southern District of Mississippi to the Eastern District of Louisiana at New Orleans, and on instructions of the Bureau, was transported by Bureau agents to New Orleans and questioned the night of May 3, 1935, in the New Orleans Bureau Office.

Subject Sawyer and his wife, at Pass Christian and Long Beach, Miss., when interviewed, denied that they had a bank account, a safety deposit box or any of the Bremer kidnap ransom money, and likewise denied that they had placed any long distance telephone calls to any point from their Mississippi residence. They did not have a telephone in their cottage.

Agent Meekins conducted investigation at the Post Office at Long Beach,

Pass Christian and Gulfport, Miss. The only place where mail has been received was at Gulfport, Miss., and mail only to Ann Wright was received. The only mail remembered was that addressed to Ann Wright and was from the Tabernacle and Purgatory, Benedictine Convent, Clyde, Missouri. It appears that Mrs. Harry Sawyer is very religious and receives numerous religious circulars from this Convent. She received a COD package from Charis of New Orleans, which developed to be a corset, upon investigation.

An endeavor is being made to check any possible long distance telephone calls by either Subject Sawyer or his wife from Gulfport, Long Beach or Pass Christian, Miss., to any Nebraska points, Minnesota points, Louisville, Ky., or Florida cities.

Subject Sawyer and his wife had in their possession a 1934 Ford Coupe, motor #737962, black in color, registered to Ann Wright, with a 1935 certificate of registration No. R 59-1102, bearing 1935 Nebraska license No. 59-2001. This license was issued in Sarpy County at Papillion, Nebraska, on February 1, 1935. The address of Ann Wright on the certificate was listed as Ft. Crook, Nebraska. This car was taken into custody by agents and placed in a garage at Long Beach, Miss., and was subsequently surrendered to Mrs. Harry Sawyer after Agent Meekins inspected the motor number, which appears to be 18-737962, bearing 1935 Nebraska license 59-2001. It had mileage of 12,766 miles. Mrs. Sawyer, when she left Mississippi for Omaha, Nebraska, and St. Paul, Minnesota, left this car with one W. C. Stephenson, RFD 2, Box 150, Gulfport, Miss. The Omaha Bureau Office has been instructed by wire to check on this car.

Subject Sawyer and his wife when questioned in Mississippi and in New Orleans, denied that they had contacted any of the Subjects of the Bremer case while in Mississippi.

Agent Meekins interrogated W. C. Stephenson and his son, Allen Stephenson, who have frequently been in company with Subject Sawyer and his wife, and ascertained that Stephenson is a fertilizer drayman, who claims that he met Subject Sawyer, under the alias of Wright, at a beer parlor in Gulfport, Mississippi, two or three months ago, at which time they became good friends. Sawyer at that time was residing at Moody's tourist camp at Gulfport, Miss. Stephenson denied knowledge of the identity of Subject Sawyer, but Mr. W. C. Stephenson stated that Mrs. Sawyer stated that she was returning to Omaha, Nebraska, to sell her farm to raise funds with which to retain an attorney for her husband. Mrs. Sawyer left some personal baggage with the Stephensons and Agent Meekins was permitted to inspect this but found nothing of value to the instant case.

Agent Meekins subsequently again interviewed W. C. Stephenson at Gulfport, Miss., and he again denied that he had any information concerning the Wrights, the alias of the Sawyers. He denied that he had told William Benevidas on the day following Subject Sawyer's arrest, that he knew Sawyer as Wright and that Wright had been given a letter of introduction by a brother-in-law of his by the name of Hutter, at Omaha, as a result of which they had met. Stephenson, however, admitted to Agent Meekins that he had a brother-in-law, one William Hutter, married to Dell Hutter, who he thought was residing at Omaha. Stephenson stated that

William Hutter and his wife were separated but that William Hutter had worked for a time at the State Hospital of Nebraska, and might still be employed there; that William Hutter has a brother, one Henry Hutter, address unknown, who Wright had later stated that he had met in Omaha. Stephenson claims never to have seen Henry Hutter but saw William Hutter at Gulfport, Miss., five years ago, after which he, William Hutter, left for Omaha, and he has not seen him since that time.

When question further, Stephenson stated that when Mrs. Wright, alias for Sawyer, returned to Omaha, Nebraska, about the last of January, she, on her return to Gulfport, told them she had located Dell Hutter in Omaha and talked to her and that Dell sent her regards to Stephenson's wife, her sister.

W. C. Stephenson received a telegram care of the Marine Seed and Fertilizer Company, Gulfport, Miss., as follows: "Will you please parcel post my grey coat at once. (Signed) Gladys Sawyer, address General Delivery, St. Paul, Minn." This telegram was sent by Mrs. Gladys Sawyer at Pine Bluff, Ark., 1:44 p.m. on May 6, 1935, while she was enroute to Omaha, Nebr., on the train. Stephenson advised that he had forwarded this coat.

Reporting agent conversed by telephone with Special Agent in Charge Warner Hanni at Omaha, Nebraska, relative this information, and a code wire was forwarded to SAC Hanni relative the Hutter family, requesting investigation as a possible contact of Subject Sawyer and his wife with other Subjects of the instant case, or as holders of any possible ransom money.

Agent Meekins is continuing the investigation at Gulfport, Miss., and vicinity on the Stephenson family.

Agent Meekins interviewed H. W. McLaurin, Manager of the Municipal Air Port, Gulfport, Miss., and he informed that he has been at the present field as manager since February 5, 1935, and that for a month prior to that time the field was not officially operated. However, at about sundown on February 3, 1935, or February 4, 1935, a Cessna Monoplane cabin ship landed at the field and discharged a woman passenger. The plane departed without registering in and that no record or entry was made in the field log at the time, as the field had no official operators. Mr. McLaurin stated that since he has been at the field no strange ships have arrived or departed, but that Mrs. Sawyer had taken a few short joy hop rides and had told him that she was the woman who flew in from Kansas City in the Cessna ship. This was the only information that could be secured relative the airplane trip of Gladys Sawyer and refers to the trip taken by her to Omaha, Nebraska, mentioned in the second paragraph on page two of the memorandum of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, transmitted to the Bureau on May 7, 1935, a copy of which was furnished the Omaha Bureau Office. The purpose of this trip should be investigated by the Omaha Office.

Agent Meekins has prepared a memorandum of his investigation, dated May 7, 1935, relative the instant case, and it will be retained in the New Orleans Bureau Office.

Agent Meekins has interviewed Mrs. M. L. Chenoweth, Assistant Manager of



the Cottages on the Gulf at Long Beach, Miss., as well as Mr. Leo Moody, at the Moody Tourist Camps, Gulfport, Miss., location and residences maintained for a time by Subject Sawyer and his wife, and nothing of value has been ascertained.

Subject Harry Sawyer was not armed when he was taken into federal custody, but a 22 calibre German automatic pistol was found in the negro bar and lottery establishment, the property of Subject Harry Sawyer, and Agent Meekins took it into possession. It is of a Deutscherwerke make, made in Werterfurt, Germany. It will be transmitted to the Bureau by separate cover.

Special Agent L. A. Kindell interrogated Subject Harry Sawyer at the New Orleans Bureau Office, and his memorandum is as follows:

"On the night of May 3, 1935, the writer, in the presence of Special Agent C. H. Olson, of the New Orleans Office, questioned Harry Sawyer concerning his activity in connection with the Edward George Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn. Prior to this agent's questioning, Agent Olson interrogated Sawyer concerning his past history, his associations, his knowledge of certain individuals whose names are set forth in the file, and all of this information is contained in memorandum submitted by Agent Olson on this date. Agent was present throughout this interview.

On completion of Agent Olson's questioning, agent, in the presence of Gladys Rita Sawyer, Subject's wife, read to him the statement made by Mrs. Sawyer at Chicago, Illinois, on September 15, 1934, as set out in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Ill., September 19, 1934, and which begins on page 50 of said report. The Subject was advised that the statement which was to be read to him was that of his wife, and each of them was requested to stop the writer in event any statement was read from the statement which was not correct. Pages 50 to 53, inclusive, were read and no interruptions were had. The first paragraph on page 54 contains the statement of Mrs. Sawyer that "a month or more after the release of Edward George Bremer, Harry Sawyer admitted to me that he was the 'finger man'". Mrs. Sawyer denied making this statement and followed it up immediately with the assertion that she later learned that 'it was not true', but she could give no information to substantiate what she meant by 'she later learned it was not true'. The remainder of the statement was read and on the completion of it the writer asked Mrs. Sawyer if it were true and she replied that she was extremely nervous when she made the statement, that it did not sound like her statement, but at no time did she state that the statement was not true or that any coercion had been brought to bear to make her make the statement. A study of this statement will show, it is believed, that Mrs. Sawyer was telling the truth at the time she made the statement. Subject Sawyer, after the statement was read, was asked whether it was true and remarked: 'I have nothing to say', in other words he did not deny or affirm.

Special Agent C. H. Olson was present during the writer's interview."

Special Agent C. H. Olson interrogated Subject Harry Sawyer, at the New Orleans Bureau Office, the night of May 3, 1935, and his memorandum of the result of this interview is as follows:



"Harry Sawyer advises that Harry Sandlovich was his correct name but that in August, 1933, in St. Paul, Minn., before Judge Hamphe (phonetic spelling), he had his name legally changed to Harry Sawyer; that as far as he knows, he was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, in December, 1890; that he attended the Hayward and Bankcroft Schools in Lincoln, Nebraska, completing the 5th or 6th grade; that he had been arrested several times but that he had never had to serve any time; that he married Gladys Reta Rusterholtz January 16, 1923, in St. Paul, Minn.; that they have no children; that he has been a bootlegger in St. Paul, Minn.; that he had known Danny Hogan (Dapper Dan) in St. Paul, Minn.; that the property located at 1878 Jefferson Street, St. Paul, Minn., is in his wife's name and that he made a down payment of \$1300.00 on a ten acre farm, same city, and that he still owes \$2,000.00 on said property; that he accompanied his wife to Reno, Nevada, as outlined in report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated 5/15/35. Sawyer denied knowing Frank Foster in New York City, Sam Seigel, Louis Litky, and denied that he had ever engaged in the dope racket; that he knew Louis Benoro and Babe Cooper but that he had not seen these two for the last twenty years; that he had not been in contact with his brothers for some time. With reference to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, St. Paul, Minn., September 19, 1935, and the statement of Mrs. Gladys Sawyer under date of September 15, 1934, this was referred to by the writer and Subject questioned. His answers were all in the affirmative, with the exception of when it would connect him up with the Bremer kidnaping, and he would then advise that he had nothing to say in that matter. He admitted knowing Karpis, both Barkers, Davis, Weaver, Weigler, Pfeiffer, Campbell, Miller and Nash; denied knowing Dr. Moran, Fitzgerald, Big Homer, McLaughlin or Berg.

The above questioning was done in the presence of Subject, his wife, Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, and Special Agent L. A. Kindell, of the New Orleans Office. Subsequently, Agent Kindell read the statement of Mrs. Sawyer to Subject, in the presence of Mrs. Sawyer and writer, to which Mrs. Sawyer stated that all was true with the exception of the paragraph in which she had stated that Subject had told her he, Harry Sawyer, was the finger man in the kidnaping. Subject's reply was that he had nothing to say.

Mrs. Harry Sawyer advised that her maiden name was Gladys Rita Rusterholtz; that she was born on November 17, 1896, in Murray, Nebraska; that her parents are dead but that she has a step-father, William A. Bundy, living near Sidney, Nebr.; that she has one half-sister, Mrs. Laurence (Margaret) Burns, living in St. Paul, Minn., two half-brothers, Alfred and Paul Bundy, living in Sidney, Nebraska, and one half-brother, Leland Bundy, living in Detroit, Michigan.

Fingerprints of Subject and Mrs. Sawyer were taken by the writer and were forwarded to the Bureau Identification Unit by letter.

The money in possession of Subject and Mrs. Sawyer was counted by Special Agent Peyronnin, of the New Orleans office, and writer, and the description of same was obtained by Agent Peyronnin and the money returned to them.

Subject and Mrs. Sawyer were detained in the New Orleans Bureau Office the night of May 3, 1935."

Special Agents James O. Peyronnin and C. H. Olson, at the New Orleans Bureau Office on May 4, 1935, in the presence of Subject Harry Sawyer, checked the bill fold of Subject Sawyer, containing \$298.00. This money is described as follows:

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES:

\$100.00 - G 00360145 A 7

100.00 - G 02068780 A 7

20.00 - F 02911688 A 5

NATIONAL CURRENCY:

\$ 50.00 - B 001664 A 9327

On the National Bank of Duluth, Minn.

20.00 - E 001784 A 3625

On the Columbia National Bank of Washington, D.C.

SILVER CERTIFICATES:

\$ 1.00 - F 58807203 B

1.00 - G 22213966 B

UNITED STATES NOTES:

\$ 2.00 - B 02920877 A

2.00 - A 97749907 A

2.00 - A 86900730 A

None of the aforementioned money was ascertained to be of either the Bremer kidnap case or of the Hamm kidnap case when checked with the ransom lists. This money was taken into custody by the Superintendent of the Federal Jail, New Orleans, and subsequently returned to Subject Sawyer.

Special Agents James O. Peyronnin and C. H. Olson, of the New Orleans Bureau Office, on May 4, 1935, ascertained that Mrs. Gladys Sawyer had a money belt containing \$1118.00. In her presence, this money was inspected and checked with the Bremer and the Hamm kidnaping cases ransom lists, and found not to be described thereupon. This money is as follows:

**FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES:**

\$100.00	-	G O 1106564	A	7
100.00	-	G O 1502089	A	7
100.00	-	G O 1738430	A	7
100.00	-	G O 0085796	A	7
100.00	-	G O 0287442	A	7
100.00	-	G O 1111963	A	7
100.00	-	G O 1525707	A	7
100.00	-	G O 0921861	A	7
100.00	-	G O 1445027	A	7
100.00	-	G O 0707694	A	7

**FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES:**

\$ 50.00	-	G O 1722704	A	7
5.00	-	F 24203554	A	6
10.00	-	B 59363088	A	8
10.00	-	F 12448419	A	6
5.00	-	K 05893011	A	11

**SILVER CERTIFICATES:**

\$ 10.00	-	A 02090126	A
5.00	-	A 33450541	A
1.00	-	G 51717928	B

**NATIONAL CURRENCY:**

\$ 10.00	-	12070	A 013015	The State National Bank of Houston, Texas
10.00	-	1595	A 020241	The First National Bank of Mobile, Ala.
2.00	-	A 97760579-A		United States Note

Agents Peyronnin and Olson returned the above described money to Mrs. Sawyer.

The original Bureau waiver voluntarily signed by Subject Harry Sawyer, authorizing his removal from the Southern District of Mississippi, at Pass Christian, Miss., to New Orleans, Louisiana, and his original voluntary waiver to proceed with Bureau agents from New Orleans, Louisiana, to St. Paul, Minn., are transmitted as enclosures to the St. Paul Bureau Office. A copy of these waivers is being transmitted to the Bureau as an enclosure, and copies maintained in the New Orleans Bureau Office.

The Bureau waiver from New Orleans, Louisiana, to St. Paul, Minn., was not used, inasmuch as Subject was removed on a fugitive complaint filed before the U. S. Commissioner.

The reference report indicates the federal process and removal proceedings against Subject Harry Sawyer.

A photograph of Subject Harry Sawyer, New Orleans, La., Federal Jail

#3365, is transmitted as an enclosure to the Bureau, St. Paul, Omaha, Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinnati and Kansas City Bureau Offices.

Following is the description of Subject Harry Sawyer as obtained from the records in the Identification Bureau, Federal Jail, New Orleans, La.:

Name	HARRY W. SAWYER
Age	45 (Born Dec. 15, 1890) Russia, but claims Lincoln, Nebr.
Height	5'9-1/4"
Weight	238
Eyes	Grey
Hair	Dark brown
Complexion	Med. Florid
Occupation	Butcher, erstwhile liquor racketeer and kidnapper.
Residence	1878 Jefferson St., St. Paul, Minn.
Nationality	Russian Jew
Parents	Dead
Marital status	Married
Fingerprint classification	9 U 14 8 T 10

Following is Subject Sawyer's criminal record as furnished by the Identification Unit of the Bureau, #421335:

PD, Minneapolis, Minn., as Harry Sandovich, #16479, arrested 9/11/18, att. grand larceny; disposition: 10/9/18, fined \$100.

PD, Omaha, Nebr., as Harry J. Proche, #6463, arr. 1/2/20, invest.-robbery; held under \$10,000 bond - \* Arrested 1/4/20 while out on bonds; charge, fugitive from justice - turned over to Lincoln, Nebr. where he is wanted for stealing automobiles - forfeited \$1000 bonds at Lincoln.

PD, Lincoln, Nebr., as Harry Sandlovish, 5/16/20, jumping bonds - auto theft.

Bu. Office, New Orleans, La., as Harry Sawyer, #--, 5/3/35, kidnapping; confined in Fed. Jail, at New Orleans, La., awaiting removal to St. Paul, Minn. and has waived hearing.

\*Harry Sandlovitch, arraigned in the Dist. Court, Lincoln, Nebr., 4/25/15, plead guilty to burg. with explosives by att. to blow the safe of the Standard Oil Co., at Lincoln, Nebr. - paroled from the bench for 3 years - 9/25/17, dism. from his parole.

Fall of 1917 and spring of 1918, stealing and disposing of automobiles in Lincoln, Nebr., for which he was arrested at Omaha some 2 years ago. (As appearing on print #6463).

WANTED BY BUREAU: Harry Sandovich, suspect in Bremer kidnapping case. Notify Director, per information received 9/22/34.

Still wanted by Bureau as above, per inf. rec. therefrom with prints 10/16/34.

WANTED BY BUREAU: Harry Sawyer, Fugitive Index #5977, Bureau file 62-23915, O.O. St. Paul, per inf. rec. 1/10/35.

WANTED BY BUREAU: As Harry Sawyer, for kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer,



at St. Paul, Minn., 1/17/34. Indicted by Fed. G.J. at St. Paul, Minn., 1/22/35. Notify Director. (Inf. rec. I.O. #1240). This person published as a fugitive in the monthly Bulletin for March, 1935, issued by this Bureau.

Following is the description of Mrs. Gladys Sawyer from personal observation:

Name	MRS. GLADYS SAWYER alias ANN WRIGHT
Age	38 (Looks older)
Height	5'4"
Weight	151
Build	Heavy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown and bobbed
Complexion	Medium

Following is the criminal record of Mrs. Gladys Sawyer as furnished by the Identification Unit of the Bureau, #828771:

PD, Cleveland, Ohio, as Glades E. Sawyer, #--, 9/6/34, invest.  
Bu. Off., New Orleans, La., Mrs. Harry Sawyer, #--, 5/3/35, invest. of kidnapping; not detained - returned to St. Paul, Minn.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. M. McDade, Chicago, Ill., April 29, 1935, last paragraph, page two, indicating that a Ford Coupe, 1933 model, motor #40-304794, has not been located, and that this car bore 1933 Mississippi license plates #B455099, and 1934 Mississippi license plates B75038.

Special Agent A. Rosen conducted investigation at the State Auditor's office at Jackson, Miss., and ascertained that the 1933 Mississippi license plates were never issued as high as six digits. Agent Rosen checked license plates for 1933, as follows: B45509; B45099, and neither license was issued for the car described in the reference report.

1934 Mississippi license tag 75038 was issued for a Chevrolet Coach, motor #31814, model 1930, owner J. L. Caldwell, of Belden, Miss.

1934 Mississippi license plates A70538 was issued for a 1929 Plymouth Sedan, belonging to D. B. James, of Meehan, Miss.

It may be that this Ford Coupe, above described and set out on page 2 of Special Agent D. M. McDade's report of April 29, 1935, should have indicated that they were Minnesota license plates instead of Mississippi plates, and further investigation will be requested.

Reference is made to Chicago Bureau Office telegram to the New Orleans Bureau Office dated May 8, 1935, requesting advice concerning the identity and reputation of the owner of Louisiana license plates #13043, issued for Chevrolet, Plymouth or similar type car.



The reporting agent ascertained that 1934 Louisiana license plates #13043 were issued for a 1928 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #YR500W, to Miss A. Hammond, residing at 1126 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La. She was interviewed by the reporting agent and was discovered to be a spinster, approximate age 38 years, residing with her mother and brother, Anna S. and J. Biddle Hammond, respectively, and of a reputable and substantial family. Her brother, J. Biddle Hammond, is on the present Federal Grand Jury at New Orleans, La.

Miss A. Hammond advised that her car has never been out of the State and that she never had her 1934 license plates stolen.

Special Agent C. H. Olson ascertained that 1935 Louisiana license plates #13043 were issued to Malcolm E. Moates, for a 1929 Plymouth Sedan, blue in color, motor #0192964, Fedco serial plate # H D 529 C, the last letter could be a G. Malcolm Moates formerly operated a radio repair shop in his home but presently is employed at the delivery desk in the sales office of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., 400 Gaiennie Street, New Orleans. He resides at 605 Upperline Street, New Orleans. He advised Agent Olson that he purchased this car from E. C. Palmer, Used Car Dealer at New Orleans, in July, 1933; that he has never had his 1935 license plates stolen and that the car has never been out of the State of Louisiana while in his possession.

On May 7, 1935, one Howard Rowe, a painter and decorator, address 5225 Douglas Street, New Orleans, La., telephone Franklin 6079, appeared at the New Orleans Bureau Office and was interrogated by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and the reporting agent. He was of the opinion that his nephew, Fred Bentz, address 352 Clark Street, Pass Christian, Miss., had sold a radio to Subject Sawyer. He was also of the opinion that he had seen Subject Sawyer, at a point on a canal near Pass Christian, Miss., approach two individuals who were fishing and who, he stated, exhibited a large roll of bills. It appears that Mr. Howard Rowe was fishing in this vicinity, at the time, which was in the latter part of January, 1935. Mr. Rowe states that subsequently he had seen these men in the same location and believes that he can locate them. Arrangements have been made whereby he will contact Special Agent Meekins at Pass Christian, Miss., and locate these two individuals for observation or interrogation. SAC E. J. Connelley permitted Mr. Howard Rowe to view several photographs of Subjects in the instant case, including that of Subject Sawyer, a recent photograph, and he was unable to pick Sawyer's picture out as the fat man approaching the two suspicious individuals. Howard Rowe did, however, pick out three separate photos of Jess Doyle, a Subject in the instant case, who is now in custody. Further investigation is being made on this matter.

The instant report is to be read in conjunction with the reference letter of SAC E. J. Connelley.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA OFFICE is requested to ascertain whether William or Henry Eutter, or Dell Hutter, located at Omaha, Nebr., is a possibility as a contact or a front for Subject Sawyer or his wife with any of the Subjects of the instant case, and whether there is a possibility that they have in their possession any of the ransom

money.

The location of Subject Sawyer's Packard car has not been ascertained and they may have knowledge of its location.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE will continue investigation on the Gulf Coast country of Mississippi, particularly Ocean Springs, Gulfport, Biloxi, Pass Christian and Long Beach, Mississippi, to ascertain whether it is the hide-out of any of the other Bremer Subjects, particularly Dr. Moran.

At Pass Christian, Miss., will contact Howard Rowe and his nephew, Fred Bentz, address 352 Clark Street, to endeavor to locate the two suspicious characters described by Howard Rowe, and place them under observation as suspects in the instant case.

CHICAGO OFFICE will review their files in the instant case and ascertain whether the Ford Coupe described on page 2 of report of Special Agent D. M. McDade, Chicago, Ill., April 29, 1935, did carry the license numbers as 1933 and 1934 Minnesota instead of Mississippi.

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I, Harry Sawyer, having  
been first fully informed by L.A. Kudell,  
Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department  
of Justice, that I have the right not to be removed from the Judicial  
District in which I was taken into custody without being first arraigned  
before a duly authorized judicial officer or magistrate and except by  
virtue of a warrant of removal issued for that purpose, do hereby waive  
my right to be arraigned before a duly authorized judicial officer or  
magistrate and my right not to be removed from the said judicial district  
except by virtue of a warrant of removal issued for that purpose, and do  
hereby freely consent and agree that I may be forthwith removed by re-  
presentatives of the Department of Justice in their discretion to any  
Judicial district of the United States, either for the purpose of question-  
ing or for the purpose of being held to answer any criminal charge.

I am executing this waiver and consent of my own free will,  
and without any pressure, compulsion or coercion of any kind whatsoever.

The foregoing document was read to me before I signed it, and  
I fully understand its meaning and purport.

This refers to my removal from New Orleans, La.  
to St. Paul, Minn.  
Harry Sawyer

WITNESSES:

E. H. Olson  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
New Orleans, La.

D. W. Magee, Special Agent  
New Orleans, La.

May 3, 1935  
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Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department  
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magistrate and my right not to be removed from the said judicial district  
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to New Orleans, La.

Harry Sawyer

WITNESSES:

E. F. Carson  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
New Orleans, La.

D. W. Magee  
Special Agent. Federal Bureau of Investigation U S Dept Justice  
New Orleans



IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Date 5/23 1935

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To: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Schilder

Asst. Chief

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Harry W. Sawyer, 45 years, born Dec. 15, 1890, in Russia, but claims Lincoln, Nebraska. Weight - 238 pounds; Eyes - grey; hair - dark brown; complexion - medium florid; occupation - butcher, erstwhile liquor racketeer and kidnapper; Residence - 1878 Jefferson St., St. Paul, Minn.; Nationality - Russian Jew; parents - dead; marital status - married; fingerprint classification - 9 U 14 .  
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New Orleans Federal Jail #3365

Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

le in the Division in the above  
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investigative activity remaining to  
is to follow and report the

latest communication received from  
standing, you are requested  
art records in the case and to  
sion at the earliest practicable  
status of same.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 9th, 1935

ELD/ms  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, dated 4/29/35, wherein it is stated that a Pontiac Sedan bearing motor #935155 is in the possession of Dr. Moran, and its location is desired.

It will be noted from said summary report that this automobile is described as a Sedan, bearing serial #815227. By reference to the letter of Mr. Connelley addressed to the St. Paul office under date of December 26, 1934, requesting that stops be placed as to this automobile, the same is described as a Coach, bearing serial #815237.

It is suggested that the interested offices be advised as to the true model and serial number of this automobile.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc / Bureau

Mr. Connelley at Cincinnati

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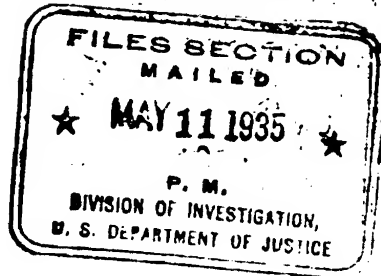
MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases,  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1240  
KIDNAPING

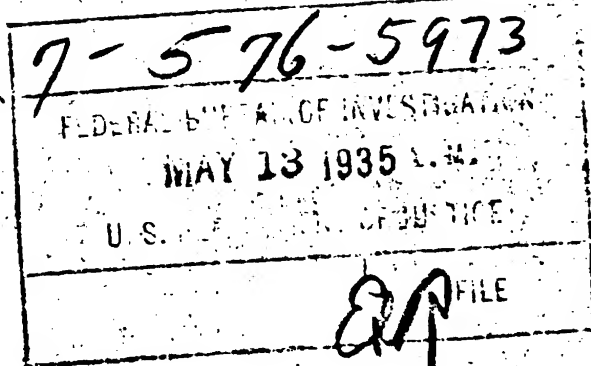
The above named individual was apprehended  
at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on May 3, 1935.  
His photograph may be withdrawn from the pocket  
Identification Orders.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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MAY 6, 1935

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DIRECTOR

BREKID INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SHERIFF, WHEATON, ILLINOIS,  
THAT CHICAGO TRIBUNE HAVE MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING ONE <sup>Reinhold</sup>KAHN AND  
FAMILY WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN NEW YORK TODAY  
WHILE BOARDING A SHIP FOR GERMANY. FURTHER STATED THAT BREMER  
RANSKOM MONEY FOUND IN POSSESSION OF KAHN. BRUNO AUSTIN INFORMED  
PREVIOUSLY THAT HE WAS HIDDEN OUT AT KAHNS PLACE CALLED KAHNS  
GROVE, CHICAGO AND THAT VARIOUS MEMBERS BARKIS KAPER GANG HAD  
ALSO BEEN HIDDEN OUT THERE. INVESTIGATION CHICAGO SO FAR TODAY  
INDICATES THAT KAHN CALLED PRESENT OPERATOR OF KAHNS GROVE FROM  
NEW YORK LAST THURSDAY INFORMING HIM LEAVING NEW YORK THAT DAY  
ON STEAMSHIP EUROPA. THIS NOT TRUE BECAUSE EUROPA SAILED APRIL  
27. NEW YORK OFFICE REQUESTED TO CHECK

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INFORMATION OBTAINED ~~REINHOLD~~ REINHOLD KAHN, FORMER OPERATOR

KAHNS TAVERN, NORTH AVENUE, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, SAILING WITH FAMILY

ON EITHER BREMEN OR EUROPA ON SEVENTH, ELEVENTH OR EIGHTEENTH OF THIS

MONTH. KAHN VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF ELMER FARMER, DEFENDANT THIS CASE,

MOW ON TRIAL ST PAUL. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION INDICATES KAHNS TAVERN

USED BY FARMER FOR HIDEOUT BY FARMER FOR VARIOUS MEMBERS BARKER-KARPIS

GANG. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO LOCATE KAHN AND FAMILY CONSISTING OF

WIFE ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> DAUGHTERS ANN 19, ELIZABETH, 17, CLARA, ~~15~~ 15 AND SON

REINHOLD, JR. 13. ALL TO BE QUESTIONED THOROUGHLY CONCERNING INFORMATION

ABOUT BREKID GANG. ANN SAID TO BE VERY FRIENDLY WITH FARMER AND SHE

ACCORDINGLY SHOULD BE QUESTIONED ALONG LINES WHICH WOULD DISCLOSE

INFORMATION GIVEN HER BY HIM AS TO HIS COMPLICITY IN CASE. VOLNEY DAVIS

SAID TO HAVE VISITED KAHNS TAVERN NIGHT OF ESCAPE AT YORKVILLE. BRUNO

AUSTIN STATED HE HID OUT AT THIS TAVERN LAST FALL WHEN HE MET BARKER AND

~~REX~~ GIBSON. WIRE SENT WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TO OBTAIN NAME OF BOAT

AND DATE OF SAILING AS GIVEN BY KAHN ON APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT AND TO

FURNISH SAME TO NEW YORK OFFICE. INFORMATION INDICATES KAHN AND FAMILY

ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF BOAT TICKETS. BELIEVED PROBABLE KAHN OR MEM-

BERS OF FAMILY MAY FURNISH VALUABLE INFORMATION IF INFORMED THEY ARE TO

BE PREVENTED FROM MAKING TRIP AS PLANNED. THIS OFFICE SHOULD BE NOTIF-

IED IF KAHN FAMILY LOCATED AND INFORMED OF RESULTS OF QUESTIONING IN

ORDER FURTHER NECESSARY DETAILS MIGHT BE FURNISHED IF NEEDED.

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Mr. Smith  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

BREKID ✓ BERGS TESTIMONY COMPLETED TODAY FOLLOWED BY JIMMY WILSON  
WHO IS NOW BEING CROSS EXAMINED. WILSON ADMITTED MUCH WHICH WAS  
CONTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT DENIED GUILTY KNOWLEDGE.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/9/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/3,4,6/35	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. Marshall AJM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Myron E. Thompson, diabetic patient, Hot Springs, Arkansas, stated he saw Alvin Karpis in Reno, Nevada, in December, 1934, and later identified photograph of him; stated he had seen Karpis on Monday, April 29, 1935, in gambling hall in Marked Tree, Arkansas. Investigation at Marked Tree revealed no such gambling hall as Thompson described and Thompson unknown in Marked Tree. Various persons in Marked Tree advised they have never seen anyone resembling photograph of Karpis. Further investigation reveals Thompson a mental case.			
DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a telephonic communication from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, to Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers, advising there was a man in Hot Springs from California, who claimed he knew Alvin Karpis on sight and stated he had recently seen Karpis in a gambling house near Marked Tree, Arkansas.  On May 3, 1935, Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers, accompanied by the writer, proceeded to Hot Springs for the purpose of interviewing Myron E. Thompson, who had furnished the information to Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers. Thompson advised Agents he had been living in California for the past fifteen or twenty years, and in December, 1934, he was in the Horse Shoe.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 St. Paul 1 Chicago 2 Little Rock		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-576-5976 MAY 13 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SECT.	
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gambling house in Reno, Nevada, and the bar tender had pointed out a man to him and stated this man was a "big shot." Thompson stated he was in San Francisco, California, later, talking to Tom Graham, a Deputy U. S. Marshal, who is a friend of his, and Graham had exhibited a photograph of Alvin Karpis to him and he had identified this photograph as being of the man who had been pointed out to him as a "big shot" in the Horse Shoe gambling house in Reno, Nevada, in December, 1934. Thompson stated he had been sent to Hot Springs for the purpose of having an operation performed, and had proceeded to Hot Springs from California by way of Memphis, Tennessee, and Marked Tree, Arkansas; that he had gone to Marked Tree for the purpose of locating an uncle of his, and a taxi driver in Jonesboro, Arkansas, whom he had hired to drive him to Marked Tree, had taken him to a saloon and gambling hall located on the river just out of Marked Tree. Thompson stated that while he and Harvey Smith, the taxi driver, were in this gambling hall getting a drink of whiskey, he had seen three men seated at a table in the front room, playing poker, and these three men were each armed with two automatic pistols and were in their shirt-sleeves; that there were also two women in the room, one a young woman, about twenty-seven years of age, and blonde-headed, and the other a red-headed woman, about forty years of age. Thompson stated he was positive one of the men at the table playing poker was Alvin Karpis. Photographs of members and suspects of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to Mr. Thompson. He identified the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker as being two of the men he had seen on April 29, 1935, at Marked Tree, Arkansas. Thompson could furnish no further information regarding the name of the party who ran the gambling house other than it was supposed to be run by a gambler from Memphis, Tennessee, whose name was unknown to him. Thompson stated the house was a one-story, six-room house located on the bank of the St. Francis River and that he walked to the rear of the house while there and saw a boat tied up in the bushes on the river bank; that the house was reached by proceeding south from Marked Tree on the Memphis Highway about one-eighth of a mile, turning left across a railroad track and then back to the right along the river.

On May 4, 1935, the writer proceeded to Marked Tree, Arkansas, for the purpose of conducting an investigation concerning the information furnished by Thompson. Investigation in Marked Tree revealed the St. Francis River is situated on the west side of Marked Tree and can not be reached by proceeding south towards Memphis and turning left across a railroad track. However, the Little River flows on the east side of Marked Tree and can be reached by proceeding south on the Memphis Highway and turning left across a railroad track. The Little River and the St. Francis River are approximately one-half mile apart at the point where they pass the town of Marked Tree.

J. A. Bullard, Deputy Sheriff, Marked Tree, Arkansas, was contacted and he advised he knew of no such place as that described by Thompson. This Agent, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Bullard, who stated he knew all the saloons and gambling houses located in and near Marked Tree, proceeded to make inquiry at all houses located on the Little River and the St. Francis River. No houses were found situated on the banks of the rivers, and no houses located near either the Little River or the St. Francis River fit the description furnished by Thompson.

Charley Gregory, who sells whiskey and beer and lives on the St. Francis

River, was interviewed by this Agent. He advised he knew of no place fitting the description of the house furnished by Thompson and knew of no gambler from Memphis, Tennessee, who had a place in that vicinity.

Janie Hoshier, the owner and proprietor of Janie's Log Cabin, dance hall and saloon, advised she knew of all the roadhouses in that vicinity, but knew of no place fitting the description given by Thompson and knew of no gambler from Memphis, Tennessee, who ran a gambling house in that vicinity. Photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to Janie Hoshier, who advised she had never seen anyone resembling any of the photographs.

Grady Middleton advised he formerly ran a saloon and gambling house in Marked Tree, Arkansas, and knew of all the other places in that vicinity, but had never heard of a gambler from Memphis, Tennessee, who was running a saloon and gambling house in or near Marked Tree, and did not know of any saloon or gambling house fitting the description furnished by Thompson. Photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to Middleton, who advised he had never seen anyone resembling any of the photographs.

Haze Key, Deputy Sheriff, Marked Tree, Arkansas, was interviewed. He advised he knew all the gambling joints in that vicinity, but had never heard of any place fitting the description furnished by Thompson and did not know of any gambling house or saloon located on the bank of the St. Francis River or the Little River. Photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to Key, who advised he had never seen anyone who resembled any of these photographs.

E. L. Shinaberry, Chief of Police, Marked Tree, Arkansas, advised it is his belief he knows all the gamblers and whiskey peddlers in that vicinity, but he has never heard or known of any place fitting the description of the house furnished by Thompson and did not know of any gambler from Memphis, Tennessee, who was running a joint in that vicinity. Photographs were exhibited to Shinaberry, who advised he had never seen anyone resembling members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

On May 6, 1935, Myron E. Thompson, the informant, came to the Little Rock office in a general drunken and doped condition and stated he had seen Alvin Karpis in Memphis that morning. Thompson was interviewed by the writer and was emphatic in stating he had seen Karpis at the Chelsea Hotel in Memphis a few hours previously. Thompson was under the impression he was in Memphis at the time, and Agent asked Thompson if he had seen Karpis "here in Memphis this morning" and he replied in the affirmative. After being interviewed, Myron E. Thompson departed and returned two or three times during the day, requesting that Agents assist him in gaining admittance to the Government hospital in Little Rock or Hot Springs, Arkansas. Thompson persisted in stating he had seen Karpis that morning.

Inquiry at Jonesboro, Arkansas, failed to reveal any person by the name of Harvey Smith who runs a taxi at that place.

None of the information furnished by Thompson has proven reliable and it is the opinion of the writer that the information is merely a "drunken dream" on the part of Thompson. It is the further opinion of the writer that Thompson is a mental case, as he has all the appearance of being a dope addict and drunkard and is either making up his story or having hallucinations.

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DELANEY AND WILSON. CASE AS TO ALL MUST GO TO JURY. DEFENSE NOW  
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Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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May 7, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Kindly be informed that on the afternoon of the 6th, and shortly after the call received from Colonel Gates, Mr. Carusi in the Attorney General's Office telephoned and wanted to be informed as to where new field offices had been established. He was advised that offices had been opened at Cleveland, Ohio, and Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Carusi then stated that he had seen something on the back of the photograph in the Sawyer case indicating we had an office at Trenton, New Jersey. I informed Mr. Carusi that an office had not yet been opened at Trenton, but that it was under consideration and negotiations were being made to establish an office there in the near future. He was further advised that the Director was considering the establishing of several offices throughout the west in order to break up the large territory now assigned to several of the existing field offices.

After Mr. Carusi's call, a careful search was made of the identification order published on Sawyer, together with photographs forwarded to the Department in connection with Sawyer's apprehension but no mention was made on any of this data with regard to an office at Trenton. The recent issue of the Fugitive Bulletin was scrutinized and no mention was made therein of the field office at Trenton.

After talking with the Director on the evening of the sixth, and in compliance with his instructions, I telephonically communicated this morning with Mr. Carusi and advised him that the information with regard to the opening of new field offices was made known to Department Officials some two weeks ago and at which time Mr. Carusi stated that he would give me "the low down on the entire matter"; that he had particular reference to the article published in the Evening Star on the 6th by Rex Collier wherein the article not only named the proposed cities but also gave the names of the possible Special Agents in Charge.

Mr. Carusi then stated that Mr. Suydam had been unable to obtain this information and that newspaper men were hounding them and in response to their inquiries had informed them that new offices

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had only been opened at Cleveland, Ohio, and Atlanta, Georgia; that the article in the paper later appeared and furnished detailed information which was not in the possession of Mr. Suydam and it sort of put him in a "tight spot" and that he, Mr. Suydam, intended to take the matter up this morning.

I had occasion to talk with Mr. Carusi later on in the morning and advised him this information had been furnished Colonel Gates under date of April 22nd, giving him in detail all information relative to this proposed new set up.

I, also, took occasion while talking with Colonel Gates to inform him of his conference with the Director and refreshed his memory, whereupon he stated he recalled receiving this information; that "the boys have no kick coming" in view of the fact that he had furnished them with the information shortly after he had received it and that as he recalls he informed the reporters for the Louisville papers that an office might possibly be opened at Louisville, Kentucky, and in order to verify this information communicated with the Director and had received information that no definite assurance could be given as to an office being opened at Louisville but that the Director was working out a plan for several new field offices.

Respectfully,

T. D. QUINN.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-4

REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/10/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/29/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>KENNETH LOGAN TME</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1216; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. #1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. #1241; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><u>Synopsis of Facts:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Florence Heberlee, Red Oak, Iowa, has not received any communication from George Lawrence Harper, as result of her listing with Get Acquainted Club, Denver. Will notify this office if any communication is received from this party. No house located in the vicinity of Creston, Iowa, answering description of the hideout mentioned in the letter of the Detroit Office to the Chicago Office, dated October 19, 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Letter from Detroit Office to Chicago Office, dated October 19, 1934; letter from St. Paul Office to the Omaha Office, dated November 1, 1934; circular letter to all field offices, from Chicago Office, 2/14/35.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> At Red Oak, Iowa</p> <p>Mrs. Florence L. Heberlee, 105 First Avenue, when interviewed, stated she has received a number of communications through the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club, of Denver, Colorado, but that she has not received any from a George Lawrence Harper. Mrs. Heberlee assured Agent she would get in immediate touch with the Omaha Office, should she receive such communication.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>Werner Harnisch</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-5979 RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>MAY 14 1935</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>MAY 16 1935</b> JACKETED:	
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At Creston, Iowa

With reference to the supposed hideout at Creston, Iowa, described by one August Gus Kahn, an inmate of the Michigan State Penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan, as set forth in the letter from the Detroit Bureau Office to the Chicago Bureau Office under date of October 19, 1934, investigation was conducted at Creston and vicinity by this Agent.

Chief of Police Charles Cruzen and Sheriff J. R. Ewing were interviewed for information concerning a house in that vicinity answering the description of the house set forth in the above referred to letter. Sheriff Ewing stated he was formerly a painter and decorator and is well acquainted with all the better houses in and around Creston. He states he knows of only one house within a ten mile radius of Creston, which has mahogany staircase or woodwork; that this house is located about three miles straight north of Creston and is occupied by a farmer who has lived in that community all his life; that this man has a large family and is highly respected by everyone. Both Chief Cruzen and Sheriff Ewing stated this man is above suspicion and would have no connection with any criminal activities.

The Minneapolis Highway mentioned by August Kahn does not run north of Creston but runs west for about a mile and a half and then angles northwest. The only house located directly north of Creston and a mile west and then off on a country lane, is an old farm house and is not modern in any respect.

Agent interviewed Roy Stickles, a farmer living about three and a half miles northwest of Creston, who stated he is familiar with practically every house in that vicinity. He informed Agent there was only one house in the county which had a mahogany staircase and doors and was also modern, and that was the one referred to by Sheriff Ewing. Mr. Stickles informed Agent he had formerly lived in this house and that it was now occupied by a man, who has lived in the community all his life and would not be connected with any unlawful activity.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/10/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/7/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. L. FLOOD TME</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. #1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. #1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

## Synopsis of Facts:

Mrs. Gladys Sawyer arrived at Omaha, Nebraska, 1:30 P.M., 5/7/35, and was placed under surveillance by agents of this Bureau office. She spent most of her time interviewing an attorney at Omaha. She left on the same day for Minneapolis, Minnesota and the St. Paul Office was telephonically advised. Mrs. Sawyer was identified as the woman, who on 11/21/34, bought a Ford Coupe, paying cash for same, from McFayden-Stewart Company, Omaha, Nebr.

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## REFERENCE:

Telegram from the New Orleans Office, 5/5/35

## DETAILS:

At Omaha, Nebraska

On May 7, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, that Mrs. Gladys Sawyer had left Kansas City, Missouri at 8:25 A.M., on the Missouri Pacific Train #109 and that she was in the last car, which was #10240;

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that Mrs. Sawyer had the first seat on the right and the car in which she was riding is a combination dining and parlor car. Mr. Conroy further advised that Agents from the Kansas City Office watched the movements of Mrs. Sawyer during the few moments she was in Kansas City and she made some inquiries at the railroad ticket office, Union Station, Kansas City, as to how long the train stopped at Lincoln, Nebraska; however, she was informed that the train did not go through Lincoln. Mrs. Sawyer had two pieces of baggage, which consisted of two suitcases, checked at Kansas City for Omaha. The baggage checks were numbered B-16780 and B16781. The train on which Mrs. Sawyer was a passenger was due to arrive at Omaha at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Conroy had advised that Agent Heavrin would be riding in the same car with Mrs. Sawyer and would follow her off the train and look at his wrist watch as a means of identifying her. Full descriptive data of Mrs. Sawyer was furnished by Mr. Conroy and also the description of Agent Heavrin.

Mr. Hanni called Special Agents J. T. Hartin, J. R. Green, Kenneth Logan and the writer into a conference. Mr. Hanni instructed the aforementioned Agents to keep Mrs. Sawyer under surveillance, as it was very probable she would contact some of her husband's associates while in Omaha. Agent Green, with Special Agent in Charge Hanni drove to Union, Nebraska, which is about forty miles south of Omaha. The town of Union is a division point and the Missouri Pacific coming from Kansas City to Omaha, stops at Union to let passengers off to make connections for Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Hanni and Agent Green met Missouri Pacific Train #109 at Union at 12:33 P.M. Mr. Hanni telephonically advised the writer at the Omaha Office that Mrs. Sawyer did not get off the train at Union and that Agent Green had boarded the train Mrs. Sawyer was riding.

Agents Hartin, Logan and the writer then proceeded to the Union Station at Omaha and at 1:30 P.M., Missouri Pacific Train #109 arrived. Agent Heavrin indicated to Agents Hartin, Logan and the writer, Mrs. Sawyer, and she was trailed by automobile. Mrs. Sawyer called a Yellow Cab and went to the Electric Building, 404 South 17th Street, Omaha. This Agent observed that she took an elevator to the sixth floor and from discreet inquiry of the elevator operator, it was learned she went into the law firm of O'Sullivan & Southard, 636 Electric Building. Eugene D. O'Sullivan, senior member of this law firm, is considered the leading criminal attorney in the State of Nebraska. Mr. O'Sullivan is known to be a high class and ethical criminal attorney, is a hard fighter and well versed in criminal law and has never been known to employ trickery and unethical methods. Mr. O'Sullivan is actively engaged in politics. In 1932, he ran for Governor on the Democratic ticket but was defeated in the Primary Election. He later ran for Senator from Nebraska on an Independent ticket and was defeated for this office; however, he polled a large number of votes.

The above personal history concerning Mr. O'Sullivan is given as it is likely Mrs. Sawyer employed him to defend Subject HARRY SAWYER.

Agents stationed themselves at advantageous points where they could view the two entrances to the Electric Building. Mrs. Sawyer came from the Electric Building at 6:20 P.M. and went to Wroth's Buffet, 311 South 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. After eating supper, Mrs. Sawyer walked to Meyers Newstand, 1324 Farnam Street, Omaha, where out-of-town papers are sold and she was seen to buy several newspapers. She then walked to 15th and Farnam Streets and at 7:00 P.M., took a Yellow Cab to the Union Station. Agent Logan observed Mrs. Sawyer buying tickets and inquiry made of the ticket agent disclosed that she purchased a railroad ticket on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad for Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her Pullman berth was Lower B, Car 60. The train was scheduled to leave Omaha at 9:30 P.M. and arrive at Minneapolis at 7:30 A.M.

Agent Green, who had been watching the baggage room since the arrival of Mrs. Sawyer in Omaha, ascertained that she rechecked her baggage on the C. & N. W. checks Nos. 711393 and 711394, same being checked through to Saint Paul. Her address in St. Paul was given as 1878 Jefferson Street.

Mrs. Sawyer next went to a public telephone booth, at the Union Station and gave a telephone number to the lady operator in charge of the booths. The writer ascertained from the operator that Mrs. Sawyer had called Market 0313. It was learned this is the residence telephone number of Mr. O'Sullivan. When Mrs. Sawyer completed her call, she entered a cab and was followed by Agents Hartin, Logan and Flood. She left the cab at the Electric Building at 7:45 P.M. and it was evident she went again to the O'Sullivan & Southard Law Firm, as the offices occupied by these lawyers were lighted. She left the building at 9:00 P.M. and took a taxicab to the Union Station and upon leaving the cab, gave the Chief Usher a check for a small handbag she had checked and the usher accompanied her to the train. The writer telephonically advised Mr. Hanni that Mrs. Sawyer was leaving Omaha in a few minutes and Agents were instructed to return to the Omaha Office, as no further surveillance was necessary.

Mr. Hanni immediately telephonically advised the Saint Paul Office giving all pertinent information relative to Mrs. Sawyer's departure from Omaha for Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Upon receipt of reference telegram, Agent Logan ascertained from Dan Hannon, of McFayden-Stewart Company, 20th and Harney Streets, Omaha, that on November 21, 1934, ANN WRIGHT bought a Ford V8 Coupe, motor number 737,962 and paid cash in the amount of \$525.00 for same. Mr. Hannon was

shown a photograph of Mrs. Gladys Sawyer by Agent Logan and he positively identified the likeness as the woman who gave her name as ANN WRIGHT. Agent Logan, upon interviewing the Tag Agent at Papillion, Nebraska, ascertained that ANN WRIGHT was issued 1934 Nebraska tags No. 59-2001 for the above car and on February 1, 1935, she received the same numbered tags for 1935. She gave her address as Fort Crook, Nebraska, but upon interviewing the Postmaster at that point, no one of this name was known to him. It was further ascertained that when Mrs. Sawyer purchased this car, also, when obtaining the licenses, she was not accompanied by anyone.

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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 9, 1935

Mr. Grady L. Boatwright  
Operative in Charge  
United States Secret Service  
101 Federal Courts Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 8, 1935, with which you transmitted a communication addressed to your office by Postmaster W. O. Robertson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, relative to Lloyd N. Smout, alleged fugitive from justice.

Please be advised that a search of our files reveals that Smout is not wanted by this Bureau. Accordingly, I am returning the Postmaster's letter for such disposition as you may desire to make of it.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim; KIDNAPING; HARBORING  
AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scheidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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During the week ending May 11, 1935, the following developments occurred in the above entitled case:

On May 6, 1935, a removal order was signed as to Harry Sawyer, and his bond placed at \$100,000. He was later removed to St. Paul, Minnesota. Gladys Sawyer was not taken into custody, but she proceeded to St. Paul of her own volition, and reported to the St. Paul Office.

On May 6, 1935, at St. Paul, on motion of the Government, the case as to Edna Murray and Jess Doyle was dismissed. Both these defendants are being held in the custody of the Marshal, pending service of detainer warrants. Edna Murray is wanted as an escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, while Doyle has admitted participation in numerous state bank robbery cases. The United States Attorney at Kansas City declined to institute prosecution against Murray and Doyle on harboring charges.

Vinita Stacey alias Doris O'Connor was released from the harboring charges at Kansas City on May 7, 1935, subject to be reinstated by the Government on development of additional facts. Vinita Stacey believes that the Bureau was instrumental in procuring her release, and is in a good frame of mind toward the Bureau.

On May 6, 1935, at St. Paul, the Court denied motion to dismiss the indictment against Vidler, McLaughlin, Delaney and Wilson. The case as to all of these must go to the Jury. The Government rested on this date, and the defense opened its case.

The Indianapolis Office, at Louisville, Kentucky, has been conducting a surveillance of Babs Moran and one Curan who were believed to be contacting Karpis and William Weaver. There is no definite information as to whether they are in fact contacting Karpis and Weaver. The facts

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developed indicate that they are in Louisville for the purpose of making arrangements to open a dog track.

During the past week, the Oklahoma City Office, at Purley, Oklahoma, has been engaged in conducting a surveillance for the purpose of apprehending Harry Campbell. This surveillance has been unsuccessful, and on instructions of the Bureau, was to be discontinued on May 12, 1935.

Respectfully,

*E. L. Richmond*

E. L. Richmond.

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

May 10, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING

This morning by long distance telephone Special Agent S. K. McKee in Havana, Cuba, advised that with reference to obtaining signed statements from bank employees in Havana, Cuba, in connection with the exchange of Bremer ransom money, the officers of the banks in Havana had informed him that they would have to have authority before the employees could make the desired signed statements; that is, they desired a letter from us showing the reason and necessity for the signed statements.

Later, in a telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, he instructed that Agent McKee was authorized to prepare a letter over his own signature stating that these signed statements are desired in order that the information in possession of these employees may be available for the United States Attorney in the prosecutions for violations of the Federal Kidnaping Statutes, and that Agent McKee was authorized to address the letters to the banks himself.

This afternoon Agent McKee by wire from Havana informed that the National City Bank in Havana advised that they must receive copies of statements before employees will be permitted to sign them. These instructions were received from the National City Bank in New York City. Agent McKee requested to be advised if it would be satisfactory to give copies of the statements to the bank for transmission to New York City before employees would be permitted to sign them, or have Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson at New York City discuss this matter with the officers of the National City Bank in New York. Agent McKee further advised that the Chase National Bank in Havana employees were authorized to sign statements. Upon receipt of Agent McKee's telegram aforementioned, I immediately wired him that it would be satisfactory to give copies of the employees' statements to the officers of the National City Bank in Havana to be referred to the bank's main office in New York City, with the request that these employees of the bank be authorized by officers of the National City Bank in New York to sign same.

It is suggested that Agent Hanson contact the proper officials of the National City Bank in New York City with reference to this matter so that the obtaining of the desired statements may be expedited. It is also requested that the Jacksonville office be immediately advised of the

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results of Mr. Hanson's interview with the aforementioned officers,  
so that Agent McKee can be advised in the premises and his return to the  
States from Havana, Cuba, will not be delayed.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent In Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. #1218, FUGITIVE; Harry Campbell with aliases, I. O. #1236; Volney Davis with aliases, I. O. #1237, FUGITIVE; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases, I. O. #1232; William Weaver with aliases, I. O. #1238; Harry Sawyer with aliases, I. O. #1240; William J. Harrison with aliases, I. O. #1239; Myrtle Eaton with aliases, I. O. #1241, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim  
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Dear Sir:-

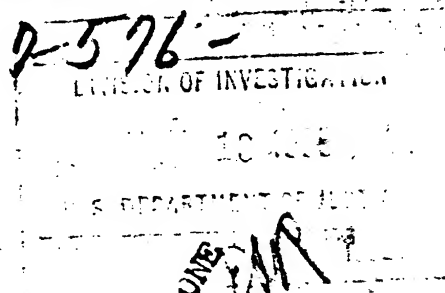
Reference is made to telegram from the Indianapolis Office under date of May 9, 1935, requesting information as to Ohio license #8398-A.

In confirmation of the information furnished to Special Agent Bliss Morton by telephone on May 9, 1935, please be advised that the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio indicate that this license was issued to Jack Berg, 1427 Allerton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, for a 1932 Buick coupe, motor #2623568. There is no record of any transfer on this license.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 7, 1935.

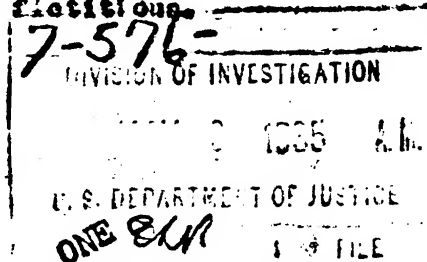
Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
DR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1238  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237-FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM RIVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY GARYER with aliases, I.O. 1240  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1935, and leads set forth for this office in report of Special Agent E. Ranstad, Washington, D.C. dated April 25, 1935, please be advised that NORMAN J. FORD, Vice President of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois was interviewed and stated that from 1902 to 1924 he was employed by the Corn Exchange National Bank at 134 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Ford stated that on September 29, 1924, while he was Vice President of the above mentioned bank, it merged with the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. which was in turn merged on March 18, 1929 with the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, which thereafter operated under the name of the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company of Chicago until October 15, 1932. On the latter date, and since that time, this bank has operated as a national bank under the name of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, charter number 13639.

Mr. Ford was shown copy of a check found in the possession of Cassius McDonald, and which was forwarded to this office by the Jacksonville office, and stated that to his knowledge there had never been a National Corn Exchange Bank in Chicago. Mr. Ford indicated that he did not desire to be called as a witness and stated that William Edens, auditor, for the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company would be the proper person to testify as to the merging of the Corn Exchange National Bank with the present Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company. The cashiers check of the National Corn Exchange Bank found in the possession of McDonald was exhibited to Mr. Ford, but he stated that inasmuch as he knew of no such bank, he believed the check to be fictitious.



P. R. Wilkinson, auditor of public accounts, American National Bank Building, Chicago, Illinois, 33 North LaSalle Street, was interviewed by telephone and stated that to his knowledge this office keeps a record of all State banks operating in the State of Illinois; that he had never heard of a State bank called the National Corn Exchange Bank, but added that most of the records which might be used in a trial would be located at the office of the auditor of public accounts, the State Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois. Should testimony be needed to the effect that there is no such State bank in existence at the present time, or has been in the past, called the National Corn Exchange Bank, Mr. Wilkinson stated that he would obtain such records for use in the trial, and that either he or Mr. A. A. Muller, Chief Examining Auditor of Public Accounts, 33 North LaSalle St. Chicago, Illinois, could introduce same.

There is attached hereto the original cashier's check of the National Corn Exchange Bank, Chicago, Illinois, forwarded to this office by the Jacksonville office.

It is suggested that further investigation be made at the office of the Comptroller of the Currency to ascertain whether there has ever been a National bank by the name of the National Corn Exchange Bank, ascertaining who would be the proper person to testify to such matter at the expected trial of Cassius McDonald.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul  
CC Cincinnati  
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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

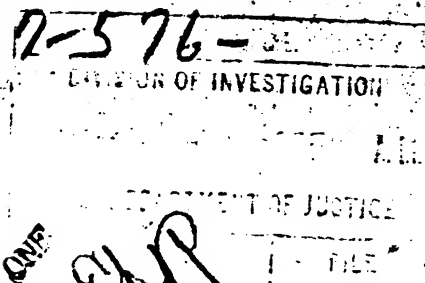
Dear Sir:      Re:    ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE,  
                     I.O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer-VICTIM.  
                     KIDNAPING.

With reference to the above entitled matter, and particularly to the final paragraph of the report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated May 4, 1935, there is being transmitted herewith copy of the Laboratory Report dated May 3, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau ✓



Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 11, 1935

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith letter addressed to  
Dolores Delaney from John Karpavics, 2842 North  
Francis Street, Chicago, Illinois, which has been  
scrutinized and found to contain nothing of informa-  
tive value.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
May 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent S. K. McKee, who, with Special Agent W. E. Peters, is conducting an investigation in this case in connection with the prosecution of various subjects in the Southern District of Florida for harboring members of this mob, advised that during his investigation in Havana, Cuba, he located several old copies of telegrams sent and received by Cassius McDonald, who is under indictment in the Southern District of Florida. These telegrams were dated during the early part of 1934, and would not have come within the period covered by the present search being made of telegrams sent and received by McDonald.

It is believed that three of these telegrams should be the subjects of investigations. The telegrams are described as follows:

Jan. 25, 1934- to C. McDonald, Havana- from Shortall, Chicago, Ill.  
Jan. 31, 1934- to C. McDonald, Havana- from Jerry, Newark, N.J.  
Feb. 1, 1934- to C. McDonald, Havana- from "Unsigned", Irvington, N.J.  
Feb. 7, 1934- to Sen. Lewis, Washington- from McDonald, Havana.  
Feb. 7, 1934 to Sen. Cousins, Washington- from McDonald, Havana.

It is believed that inquiries concerning the three first telegrams described above might disclose information of value in this investigation.

A copy of the first telegram mentioned above is being attached to the copies of this report being forwarded to the Chicago Office. It is respectfully requested that if possible the Chicago Office determine the identity of the sender, Shortall.

Copies of the second and third telegrams are enclosed for the Philadelphia Office. It is requested that appropriate investigation be made at Newark, N.J. to determine if possible the identity of the sender, "Jerry". The same investigation should be made at Irvington, N.J. to ascertain the identity of the person who sent the third telegram aforementioned, which is unsigned.

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Special Agent in Charge,

5/10/35.

The above requested investigations should be expedited.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

RAA:G  
Enclosure.

Cc: Bureau ✓  
Chicago (Encl.)  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul.

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Post Office Box 515,  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237;  
FUGITIVE; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases,  
I.O. 1238; WM. J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases,  
I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases,  
I.O. 1241; ET AL. Edw. Geo. Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATL FIREARMS ACT  
St. Paul File 7-30.

Attached hereto is the original and copy of a  
letter addressed to the St. Paul Office by the Chicago  
Office, dated May 7, 1935, with an enclosure which purports  
to be a blank cashier's check of the National Corn Exchange  
Bank, Chicago, Illinois, which letter was inadvertently  
addressed to the St. Paul Office instead of the Washington  
Field Office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

(Enc.)  
Cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
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AIR MAIL

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 9th, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above styled matter, please be advised that recently Special Agent John B. Little of this office was interviewing one Alton Purdy, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #18049, and during the course of the interview Purdy related that one W. R. Calloway, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #18627, was formerly connected with the Barker-Karpis gang. He was unable to state whether this connection was severed before the Bremer kidnaping. Calloway is carried as an escape from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and our files fail to reveal any information concerning him.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Calloway. In the event you desire any further information or investigation concerning this person, please advise, and we will make the necessary inquiries at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester.

Very truly yours,

DAUGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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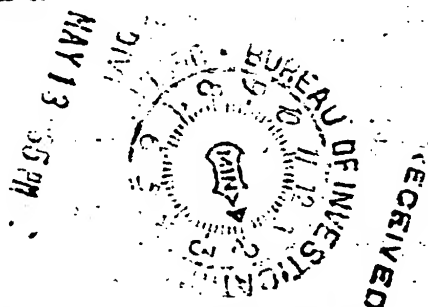
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
May 6, 1935

HN:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

4:15 P.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Whitley has just called from New York in regard to the tap on confidential informant Frank Foster. He said information had just come to him which might appear to change the instructions previously given him this afternoon. He stated there were two women in the Foster apartment and that one of the Agents on the tap in the apartment next-door heard them continuously complain of being cold, and that he then heard a noise which indicated they were taking down the grate in the fireplace. He then heard one of them say, "My God, what's this?" Immediately upon hearing this the Agent inferred they had discovered the microphone, and went to the roof and cut the wires. They then discontinued the immediate surveillance. Whitley will continue the surveillance cautiously, in order to ascertain whether Foster leaves town promptly, and will also, of course, have a contact through the superintendent in order to endeavor to find out what inquiries Foster makes. The microphone hung just a little above the fireplace. It would appear that the Bureau has lost a microphone, and that Foster will be even more suspicious than he has been. I am afraid this lead is about "blown up", although it will not be given up immediately.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Backus .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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Brown Case



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/13/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/27, 28/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. HOPTON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. 1218;                  DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;                  HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;                  VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. 1237;                  WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;                  SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;                  HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;                  MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;                  EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING. HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.</b>
Synopsis of Facts: Information reflects James A. Patton, alias Shimmy, has not made trip to New York City recently. No relative named Lowell Patton, New York City, known. Detroit office requested forward to New York office photographs of James Patton.			
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REFERENCE: Telegram from the New York office dated 4/27/35.			
DETAILS: With reference to telegram requesting Cleveland office to ascertain if James A. Patton, alias Shimmy, has made a trip to New York recently, and also if Lowell Patton of New York City is a relative, and request for photographs of James Patton, upon receipt			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. P. MacFarland</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>7-576-</b></span> <span><b>5985</b></span> <span><b>MAY 14 1935</b></span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>MAY 14 A.M.</b></span> <span><b>MAY 16 1935</b></span> </div>	
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of said telegram the writer immediately telephoned Frank Noonan, 1900 Euclid Avenue. Mr. Noonan is well acquainted with the activities of James A. Patton, who is past owner of the Harvard Club, and resides at 3332 West Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that as far as his knowledge goes James A. Patton has not made a trip to New York City in the past five or six weeks; that he, Patton, since indicted by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury several weeks ago for operating a gambling establishment, has been staying in the city, and frequenting the Harvard Club; that during the two weeks' time prior to the indictment he was in Cleveland and vicinity, spending most of his time at home and at his saloon on 28th and Detroit Avenue. Noonan further stated that he would ascertain definitely, in a confidential manner, whether or not Patton had made a trip to New York recently, at which time he would communicate with the writer.

The following day Noonan advised he had ascertained that James A. Patton has not made a trip to New York in the past five or six weeks. He further advised that no relative of his by the name of Lowell Patton, New York City, is known. He stated, however, that "Shimmy's" wife's name prior to her marriage was also Patton and that she has relatives living in Binghamton, New York.

A brief summary of the above information was telegraphed to the New York City office on April 28th, 1935.

Inasmuch as the Cleveland office has not to date photographs of James A. Patton, the Detroit office was requested by wire on April 27, 1935, to forward same immediately to the New York office.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
HN:CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1935

Time -

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Mr. Whitley at the New York Office relative to the information received from Mr. Purvis of the Chicago Office to the effect that Reinhold Kahn is said to be leaving tonight at midnight on the S. S. Bremen for Europe, with his wife and children. Mr. Whitley said that he is in receipt of a copy of a teletype message to the Bureau from the Chicago Office relative to this matter.

I told Mr. Whitley that it was my opinion that Kahn should be interviewed; that if Kahn should confess complicity in connection with harboring any of the subjects in the above entitled matter, he should, of course, be taken into custody and a warrant issued for him; that if not, there is nothing to do but to let him go.

Mr. Whitley said that they have been trying to ascertain when Kahn and his family got in New York City this morning; that he evidently got into town and drove his car directly to the dock where he left it with someone; that the first they heard of the car was when the car was actually taken on the boat. Since that time, Mr. Whitley said that they have been trying to spot Kahn in various hotels, but thus far they have been unable to find him. It appears to Mr. Whitley that Kahn is out sight seeing now; that he will probably go to a show tonight, and board the boat just before sailing time at midnight tonight.

I told Mr. Whitley that unless something very important develops which indicates that Kahn is involved in this matter, Kahn's movements should not be hindered in any way.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
EAT:CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1935

Time - 11:50 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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I telephoned Mr. Brantley at the Oklahoma City Office in regard to the surveillance being maintained by Agents of the Oklahoma City Office at Purley, Oklahoma, looking to the apprehension of some of the subjects in the above case. I asked Mr. Brantley if it is generally known that this surveillance is being maintained. He said that Purley is a village of about 12 or 14 houses, and it is virtually impossible to keep a surveillance a secret there; that the fact that this surveillance is being maintained was known about three or four days after it was instituted.

Mr. Brantley said that he believed this surveillance would not be productive, but thought it should be continued at least through this coming Sunday. I told Mr. Brantley that I had discussed this matter with Mr. Nathan, and in view of the above facts, it was decided that the surveillance could be discontinued Sunday next.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 5, 1935.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Brekid.

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Special Agent in Charge Alt telephoned from Jacksonville, Florida, and in addition to other matters, advised that Agent McKee requested instructions concerning the furnishing of Mr. Barlow with reports. Mr. Alt stated that it appears that Mr. Barlow is late in getting reports after we submit them to the United States Attorney. I advised Mr. Alt that we could send Mr. Barlow copies of the reports after he, Mr. Alt, sends them to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Edw. G. Bremer

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1935

Time - 11:25 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Alt telephoned from the Jacksonville Office and advised that he had just received a telephone call from Agent McKee at Havana, Cuba, concerning the above case. Mr. McKee mentioned the \$13,000 in Bremer ransom money which is being held by the National City Bank in Havana. He said that while this bank cannot hold this money indefinitely, they will, as a matter of cooperation, hold it as long as we want them to. McKee said that there is a rule of the Federal Reserve System which states that if money is taken out of circulation, it will cost \$1.00 per thousand to send it in for mutilation. The bank believes that this \$13.00 should be paid by the Bureau. I told Mr. Alt to instruct McKee to pay this amount and put it on a blue slip.

Mr. Alt said that at the National City Bank, the officers inform McKee that they would be glad to have their officers submit signed statements, but before they do this, they will have to get authority therefor from New York; that in this connection, they want a letter from the Bureau showing the reason why these signed statements are wanted. I told Mr. Alt that McKee could prepare a letter for his own signature stating that these signed statements are desired in order that the information in the possession of these employees may be available for the United States Attorney undertaking prosecution for violations of the Federal Kidnaping Statute.

With reference to the papers in the two zipper bags taken from Cassius McDonald, Mr. Alt stated that it has been ascertained that these papers relate to the activities of McDonald in Cuba in the Spring of 1934; that the United States Attorney states this material is not pertinent to the case. I told Mr. Alt that in view of this, McKee should not remain in Cuba to take care of this particular angle; that just a general check should be made into the activities of McDonald during 1934 in Cuba.

Mr. Alt said that McKee mentioned the matter of contacting former Consul General Cameron in Cuba. He said that Mr. Cameron's reports to the State Department, of which we have copies, show McDonald's arrest; that it does not appear he has any further information of importance to this case; that McKee was rather reluctant to contact Cameron for the reason that McKee has learned that Cameron stated to [redacted] that he does

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not like the Bureau; that McKee thinks he can get all the information necessary when he contacts Mr. Caffery, and that it will be useless, in view of Cameron's attitude, to contact him relative to the case. I told Mr. Alt that as long as McKee is over in Cuba, he should contact Cameron whether he likes the Bureau or not; that if he has any information we can get, we should at least give him an opportunity to give the same to us.

Mr. Alt further said that McKee is having a little difficulty locating all of the employees presently and formerly connected with the Park View Hotel over there for the purpose of interview; that many of the employees have been dismissed or have quit, and it is very difficult to find them. I told Mr. Alt that McKee should make a reasonable effort to interview all of these employees.

Mr. Alt further said that he believes McKee will complete the investigation in Cuba by the last of this week.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1935

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Time - 12 noon

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I talked to Mr. Connelley at Louisville, Kentucky, in regard to the lead there on various subjects in the above entitled case, particularly in regard to the information that Babs Moran and his companion were contacting Karpis and Willie Harrison. Mr. Connelley said that the men down there got a chance to closely observe these two men last night, and it was definitely ascertained that they were not, in fact, Karpis and Willie Harrison.

Mr. Connelley said that it appears the reason these men are at Louisville is to conduct negotiations for the opening of a dog track at Jeffersonville, Kentucky. Mr. Connelley said that they are having some difficulty in this regard for the reason that the State Troopers have closed all the gambling joints over there. He said that it appears these men had tried the same thing at Covington, Kentucky, but when closed up there, they are now trying to chisel in on the gambling racket at Jeffersonville and Louisville.

Mr. Connelley said that the possibilities that these men are contacting any of the subjects in the above entitled case are very doubtful; that, however, since the possibilities are that the men will go to the track this afternoon, they are going to try to tap the telephone and see what develops.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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April 26, 1935

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U.S. Dept. of Justice  
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Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ascertain if your department is desirous of locating one ~~Homer~~ *Purkey*, alias ~~Wash~~, alias ~~Wilson~~, formerly of Henrietta, Oklahoma, which is located, I believe, in Okmulgee County.

Purkey's description is as follows:  
American and Indian; forty years of age;  
160 lbs; 5 ft. 11 inches or 6 ft; slender  
build; thick lips; black hair; talks with  
Southern drawl.

If this man is wanted by your department and you will communicate with me, I believe I am in a position to locate him. I have some information that he may be wanted by the Bankers' Association for bank robbery.

Trusting that my information will be beneficial to you, and hoping to hear from you in the near future, I am

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Alyea*  
R. L. ALYEA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Mr. R. L. Alyea,  
Assistant Director,  
The LeBaron Bureau of Investigation,  
425 Security Bank Building,  
Long Beach, California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 26, 1935,  
requesting information as to whether one Homer Purkey, with aliases,  
was wanted by this Bureau.

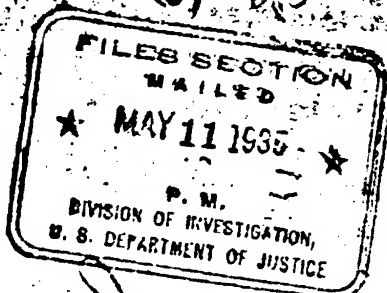
A search of the files of the Identification Division of  
this Bureau fails to disclose any record of an individual named  
Homer Purkey, with aliases Nash or Wilson, nor does the Bureau  
possess any information that this individual is wanted by any other  
law enforcement officials.

If you can furnish any additional information as to this  
individual, particularly his fingerprints or fingerprint classifi-  
cation, I shall be glad to cause another search to be made of the  
files of this Bureau.

Your courtesy in furnishing the information as to this  
individual is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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From IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

5/2 1935.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_ Printing Section  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Coffey  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

*Possible  
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record wanted  
yours?*

*S*

L. C. Schilder



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1935.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of  
one Orlie William Perkey, our file #356454, on file in the Federal  
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P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
May 13, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The attached registration card of W. J. Harrison,  
being National Hotel Registration #4421 dated September 9,  
1934, was obtained by Special Agent S. K. McKee, in Havana,  
Cuba.

It is respectfully requested that the signature  
appearing thereon be compared with the signature of Harrison  
as it appears on Identification Order No. 1239. It is being  
assumed that this signature is taken from Hammond, Indiana,  
Police Department No. 1829.

The results of the Laboratories findings should be trans-  
mitted to the Jacksonville Office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 4306

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-5993

Specimens: Registration card of W. J. Harrison, National Hotel Registration  
#4421, dated September 9, 1934.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Bureau Office.

Date received: 5-15-35

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

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Identical

Examination by: Appel

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St. Paul

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4539  
St. Louis, Mo.

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William Harrison JH

- Identical -

P. O. Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

May 12, 1935

**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Hotel Tyler,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

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**RE: BREKID**

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone call of May 10, 1935, advising of a telegram sent by one Moran, under surveillance in Louisville, to Mrs. Catherine Clyatt, 55 North Lawrence Street, Mobile, Alabama.

From the investigation conducted at Mobile, Alabama, by Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh of this office, the following information has been developed. One Kitty Lewis, also known as Kitty Clyatte, has resided at 55 North Lawrence Street for approximately fifteen years. She formerly operated a house of prostitution at that address, but is reported to have discontinued this activity, and is now married to one C. L. Clyatte, an individual about fifty years of age, who has never been in any trouble at Mobile. Two or three women are reported to live with Kitty, they being about 35 to 40 years of age. There are no men at the address with the exception of Clyatte. The Chief of Police at Mobile advised the Agent that many years ago Kitty sent Moran to St. Louis, Mo., where he was reared by an aunt, whose name and address are not known. Kitty is the mother of Moran.

The Chief of Police has an informant who can visit the premises without creating suspicion, and this action will be taken and the results reported. Covers will be maintained as to mail, telegrams, and telephone calls at this address, and any developments will be immediately reported. It is noted that the same postman has delivered mail to the address in question for fourteen years, but has no information indicating that any persons in whom the Bureau is interested have visited the place.

It is noted that the Chief of Police at Mobile recalls that a number of years ago, when "Killer" Burke was involved in an automobile accident at Benton Harbor, Michigan, he was accompanied by Moran, who was seriously injured. At that time police at Benton Harbor communicated with Mobile Police relative to Moran.

cc Bureau; Cincinnati;  
Chicago; St. Paul

Very truly yours

R. E. WATKINS



POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM LEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.  
1239; MYRTLE LATON with aliases, I.O.  
1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

As a result of a mail cover being maintained on the  
residence of the parents of Alvin Karpis, a tracing was  
received by this office indicating that a letter addressed  
to Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Avenue of this  
city was mailed from Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 7, 1935, and bore  
the return address "J. Karpis, Kiefer, Oklahoma, General  
Delivery."

If it has not already been done, it is desired that  
appropriate investigation be conducted concerning this return  
address, in order to determine any possible connection with  
this case.

Very truly yours,

H. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

May 14, 1935.

Mr. John Q. Rhodes, Jr.,  
Director,  
Division of Motor Vehicles,  
Richmond, Virginia.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O.#1218;  
Volney Davis with aliases,  
I.O.#1237, Fugitive; et al.  
Edward George Bremer-Victim.  
Kidnaping, Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice; National  
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Previously you were requested to place stop orders  
against the following described automobiles:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buick Club Sedan	motor #2875177
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford V-8	motor #899365
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford V-8	motor #1130843
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chevrolet Sedan	motor #3554674
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plymouth Sedan	motor #81821
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pontiac Sedan	motor #885160
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford V-8	motor #18-1037480

The above automobiles have been located and stop orders  
now outstanding may be withdrawn immediately. Your assistance and  
cooperation is appreciated and I take this opportunity to thank you  
for the splendid assistance afforded this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

FMH:MRL  
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cc-Bureau.

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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Pittsburgh, Pa. May 14, 1935.

M. H. Purvis  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RETEL BREKID BERTHA J. MAIRS HAS NO INFORMATION IS MENTALLY DERANGED

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*R. S. E. J.*

500 Rector Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

In Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1218;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
Harry Campbell, with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
Volney Davis, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1237;  
William Weaver, with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
William J. Harrison, with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
Harry Sawyer, with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, I. O. 1241;  
et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping;  
Harboring and Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Reference is made to the letter from this office dated April 17, 1935, in which you were furnished certain information to the effect that Alfey Smith, who is now in the Arizona Industrial School for Women at Phoenix, Arizona, may have been transported there from the State of Arkansas by Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver.

In this connection, Mr. Tom Brown, who is connected with the Fire Department of the City of Conway, Arkansas, has informed me that Floyd Smith, who is well known to him and who is a cousin of Alfey Smith, whose parents are now residing at Lonoke, Arkansas, informed him recently that the parents of this woman received another letter from her, advising them that she was taken to Phoenix, Arizona, by a man who was badly wanted by the Government. She did not furnish the name of this man, but stated in this letter to her parents that he was the man who at one time came to see her from Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, and advised them they would know to whom she was referring.

According to Tom Brown, Floyd Smith informed him that the only person who had ever gone with Alfey Smith from Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, was Phoenix Donald. It was stated by Mr. Brown that Floyd Smith did not know that Phoenix Donald is now going under the name of William Weaver or that he is wanted by the Bureau in connection with the instant case.

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It is requested that you immediately make appropriate investigation at the Arizona Industrial School for Women at Phoenix, Arizona, in accordance with the suggestions contained in the letter of reference. If this information is accurate, it would appear that there is a strong possibility that Alfey Smith may have been accompanied by Phoenix Donald when she was taken into custody at Phoenix, Arizona.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Jax FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/15/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/24-26/35	REPORT MADE BY: S. K. McKee
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO #1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, IO #1237 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO #1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, IO #1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, IO #1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, IO #1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MYRTLE DEATON, with aliases, IO #1241; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OB- STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Results of conversations with Wynona Burdette, Byron Bolton, and Dolores Delaney set forth. Burdette and Delaney state Willie Harrison and Doc Barker were re- gistered in El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, during early December, 1934; Bolton advising Harrison used alias E. N. Howe in Miami. Delaney stated she and Karpis occupied room 404 at El Comodoro Hotel in December but did not register. All three persons, Burdette, Bolton, Delaney are willing to furnish testimony. Delaney will identify Cassius McDonald if possible.			
REFERENCE: Telegram from SAC J. H. Hanson at Miami Beach, Florida, April 16, 1935, to SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois. Report of SAC J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935.			
DETAILS: Wynona Burdette was interviewed on April 24, 1935, at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she was brought from the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, for possible use as a witness at the trial of this case. She was questioned regarding her contacts with members of the Barker-Karpis mob since her release from custody at the Chicago Bureau Office and furnished the following data which relates to the harboring cases in Miami, Florida: Harry Campbell came to Ponca City, Oklahoma, during the first part of November, 1934, driving a black Ford			
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Sedan, bearing Florida license, and Wynona decided to go away with him. Campbell did not say where he had come from or where he was going, but Wynona presumed he was living in Florida on account of the license tags. Campbell asked Wynona if she had made a statement to the Federal Officers following her arrest in Cleveland, and she told him that she had done so. Campbell replied that he did not care about the statement. They left Ponca City right away and Wynona did not take any of her clothes with her. Wynona had been living with two sisters in Ponca City, whose names are Eunice and Jimmie Burdette, and had been singing over radio station WBBC.

They drove to Miami, Florida, stopping over night several times enroute, and, upon arriva, registered at the Hotel El Comodoro as Mr. and Mrs. George Summers. Wynona stated that Campbell never made any remark as to why he picked out the El Comodoro Hotel, and that she asked him no questions about going there. She said none of the mob were in the hotel at the time of their arrival. Wynona said she and Campbell remained at the hotel for a period of about two and one-half weeks and then drove to Oklawaha, Florida, where they stayed with Kate and Fred Barker until January 13, 1935, which date was Wynona's birthday. Wynona advised that Campbell made a trip to Oklawaha during this first period they were in the El Comodoro Hotel; that he was away for about two days, and that he returned to Miami in company with Kate and Fred Barker. The Barkers stayed at the hotel for several days and when they checked out and returned to Oklawaha, Campbell and Wynona went with them.

Wynona stated that Karpis and Delores Delaney came to the hotel during the early part of December and were still there when she, Campbell and the Barkers went to Oklawaha. She also said that Doc Barker was registered in the hotel during this same period, and that Willie Harrison was with him. She said she saw both of these subjects in Karpis' room. During this early December period Karpis had a steak and fish dinner in his room at which the following persons were present, according to Wynona: Karpis, Delores Delaney, Campbell, Wynona Burdette, Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Doc Barker and Willie Harrison.

Wynona was asked about associations between Joe Adams and the various members of the mob. She said she never saw him in the rooms of any of the boys, never saw him in conversation with any of them, and only knew him as the hotel manager, which she was told by Campbell. She said she never heard Campbell or any of the mob remark how they all happened to pick out the Hotel El Comodoro at which to stay while in Miami.

Wynona stated that the group at Oklawaha spent their time hunting and fishing. When asked about visitors, she stated Karpis was there once, but only stayed about an hour. Doc Barker and Slim Gibson came to the place on New Years day and remained overnight. They were driving and remarked that they had just come from Miami.

Wynona continued by stating that she and Campbell drove to Miami on January 13, 1935, to visit Karpis and Dolores. Wynona remembers this date as it was her birthday. They had planned to remain only two days. They registered at the Hotel El Comodoro. She said Campbell went out as soon as they reached the hotel, but returned in a few minutes, when they both proceeded to the Karpis house. They remained with Karpis and Delaney until January 16th, as will be stated later. The boys fished all day, while Wynona and Dolores simply sat around the house reading and talking. Wynona said she and Dolores went to the El Comodoro Hotel on January 14th and checked out of the room she and Harry had rented. Campbell did not return to the hotel with them. Wynona stated, further, that there were no visitors at the Karpis house while she and Campbell were there. The only person besides the two couples was the maid.

Wynona, in response to questions, said that Karpis and Dolores mentioned having lived in Cuba in a house located on some beach, but did not go into any details as to why they went to Cuba. She was asked about Cassius McDonald and Nathaniel Heller, but advised she did not know either person. She, also, said she and Campbell had most of their meals in their room while they were at the Hotel El Comodoro. She said they ate outside occasionally, but very seldom went to the hotel coffee shop as she did not like the place.

On January 16, 1935, according to Wynona, Campbell and Karpis went fishing around 8:30 in the morning, using Karpis' Buick car. At about 10:30 AM, Wynona and Dolores heard the radio account of the shooting at Oklawaha and immediately knew that it referred to Kate and Fred Barker. She said they packed their bags and those of the boys right away and sat around waiting for the boys to return, until about 3:30 PM. Wynona could not recall Dolores having received any telephone call prior to beginning to pack. They decided to leave the house around 3:30 PM, and they did so in Campbell's Ford Sedan, driving around the neighborhood until about 7:00 PM, when the boys returned from fishing. The two cars then drove a short distance into the country where the baggage was split up between the two cars.

Wynona said they all drove to the Biscayne Dog Track, where she inquired at the windows for a man named Duke. When she found him she told him that Ray wanted to see him. Duke asked her who she meant, and while she was wondering what to tell him, he inquired if she meant Ray Green. She answered in the affirmative and told him Ray was outside in his car. Duke told her to tell Ray he could not get away before his

window closed. Wynona said she went back to the car and asked Ray what name he had been using, and when he told her Green, she was very much relieved. Wynona said the four of them drove a short distance into town and the boys left in the Buick saying they would return in a few minutes. They did return in about an hour with Duke and the three men talked in front of the car. Karpis and Campbell then told the girls to go into town with Duke and get some sleep and to take the train the next morning for Atlantic City, where they were to go to the Danmoor Hotel. Wynona advised she knew nothing concerning any note or of the securing of any money.

Duke took them to his hotel where they spent the night. On the following morning he gave them railroad tickets to Atlantic City. He had taken Campbell's Ford Sedan and the title papers relating to it on the preceding night. Wynona had no knowledge of any arrangements between Campbell and Duke as to the car. Dolores and Wynona then proceeded to Atlantic City where they met Karpis and Campbell by pre-arrangement.

Wynona Burdette stated she is willing to testify to any of the above details, if called upon to do so. Also to give honest answers to any other questions which may be put to her.

Byron Bolton was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 24, 1935, for information of value in connection with the pending harboring cases at Miami, Florida. He stated that he and Willia Harrison left Chicago about December 20, 1934, for Miami and returned about January 4, 1935. On the way down they stopped at a small hotel in Monteagle, Tennessee, where Willie registered as E. N. Howe and Bolton under the name of Adams. They then proceeded to St. Petersburg, Florida, where Bolton met his wife and the entire party drove on to Miami, registering at the Hotel Dorn. They both used the same aliases at the Hotel Dorn. Bolton said he did not go to the Hotel El Comodoro while in Miami, but saw Willie go into the place on one occasion. Later Willie told Bolton that the manager of the El Comodoro was alright; that he would get him a house if he wanted one, mentioning at the time that the manager had secured a house on some lake for Fred Barker. Willie told Bolton that, if he wanted to go to the Hotel El Comodoro, to tell the manager that he was a friend of the two shorties (Big Shorty and Little Shorty, respectively, Doc and Fred Barker) who had been sent to him from Cleveland, further, that it would be alright to tell the manager who he was.



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Bolton said he and Harrison passed Doc Barker and Slim Gibson at a pecan farm near Macon, Georgia, on the way back to Chicago from this trip, stating in this connection that he had not seen them in Miami and did not know they had left Chicago. Bolton stated, further, that Doc Barker and Willie Harrison took a long automobile trip together during the early part of December, 1934, but he could not furnish information as to this trip. Bolton said he was living at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at that time.

It was stated by Bolton that Willie Harrison made several trips last Fall to Detroit, Michigan, to see a man named Cash. Bolton knew nothing further as to Cash, however.

Byron Bolton stated he is positive he has had conversations with various members of the mob, which indicated to him that the manager of the Hotel El Comodoro knew they were connected with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. He promised to endeavor to recall these conversations, and said he would advise Special Agent J. E. Brennan of the St. Paul Bureau Office if he was successful in doing so.

Dolores Delaney was interviewed at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on April 26, 1935, for information concerning her stays with Karpis in Havana, Cuba, and Miami, Florida. It should be stated that the attitude of this girl was very friendly, and that she was frank to state she would answer any questions. She said she is very much interested in making parole, and would do anything to do so. She advised she has made up her mind to forget about Karpis as she realizes she can never make a home with him. Her present plans are to serve her time and take care of her baby. She advised, however, that if she was free and met Karpis, that she would probably go with him, against her better judgment.

Delaney stated she and Karpis drove to Miami from Cleveland, Ohio, during the middle of September, 1934, and registered at the Hotel El Comodoro as Mr. and Mrs. Wagner. She did not know if Karpis had been referred to this hotel or why he picked it out. They proceeded to Havana, Cuba, on the following day and went to the Hotel Parkview. Delaney did not know if Karpis had been referred to this hotel or why he went there. She said Karpis became friendly with Mr. Heller, manager of the Hotel Parkview. She used to call Karpis by the name of Ray, and she used this name in the presence of Heller. Shortly after arriving in Havana, Karpis told her that Heller would go with her to buy a Ford Sedan, which he did. She paid for the car with money she received from Karpis. She stated Karpis hung out around George's Bar, which is located near the Parkview Hotel. The proprietor of this bar went with Karpis and Delaney to rent a safety deposit box in some bank.



Delaney did not know about the introduction cards Karpis had received to Heller and George Harris. Delaney stated that she and Karpis had their meals served in their room quite frequently while in Havana. She stated she only saw Heller in Karpis' room on one occasion, which was incident to his putting Karpis to bed after he had gotten drunk.

Delaney stated that Karpis rented a house at Varadero Beach, Cuba, shortly after going to Cuba. Heller referred them to some people at the beach after Karpis inquired about such a place. They went to Varadero Beach in a hired car. She advised that Karpis brought some foodstuffs from Havana, while he secured some in Cardenas. Karpis spent most of his time fishing and had a Cuban named Manuel who took him fishing. They also had a wash-girl named Ramono, and a Korean handyman named Juan. Delaney stated that Karpis made a trip into Havana at least once a week during the period they lived at the beach. She believed he received one telegram while at the beach, and went to the telephone company office on several occasions for long distance telephone calls. She said one of these calls was regarding Kate Barker, and that he later drove to Cardenas to meet her bus.

Delaney stated she went to two doctors while in Cuba. One of them was the house doctor at the Parkview Hotel. Karpis gave her the name of the other one, but she did not know where he got the name. She could not remember the name of either doctor.

Delaney said the only visitors to Varadero Beach were Kate Barker and George Harris and his wife. She was positive that Heller had never visited there. She also remarked that she had been in George's Bar in Havana, her reason for going there being that she was lonesome.

Delaney was questioned regarding her trip to Miami on November 14, 1934, in company with Heller. She stated she had wanted to get an apartment there in order to have a doctor look after her on account of her pregnant condition, and that she made the trip at that time because Heller was going over. She was asked if Heller helped her look for an apartment, and she replied in the negative. She said she went out with Heller in the automobile belonging to a clerk at the El Comodoro Hotel, the purpose of the trip being to buy a dog. She bought the dog "Wimpie" at that time. She said she made no other trip with Heller. She was asked if she went out in the car by herself, and she replied that she had never learned to drive a car.

Delaney stated that all of the boys carried guns in toilet kits. Karpis had several such kits, and carried a gun into Cuba in that fashion.

Delaney stated that early in December, while she and Karpis were still living at Varadero Beach, he went into Havana. He returned to the beach around midnight and told her he was leaving and that she should come into the Parkview Hotel on the next day. She did go to the hotel and met him. He told her to take the plane to Miami; that he was going over on the Key West boat; that she should hire an automobile and meet him at Homestead, Florida, which is just a short distance South of Miami. She stated he did not give any reasons for leaving Cuba so suddenly, and she knew better than to ask questions, knowing from experience that she would not get an answer.

She proceeded to Miami as instructed and went to the El Comodoro Hotel. She asked at the desk if any of her friends were in the hotel and learned that the wife of one of them was there. She then went to the room occupied by Wynona Burdette and spent the night with her. She said she did not register. On the following morning she ran into Willie Harrison in the lobby of the hotel and learned that he and Doc Barker were registered in rooms 404 and 405. She told Willie that she had to meet Karpis at Homestead that night and he volunteered to drive down there in his car with her. She and Willie met Karpis around 10:00 PM that night in Homestead, travelling in a Ford car, and then drove back to the El Comodoro Hotel. Delaney said that neither she nor Karpis registered. They went to Room 404 and took over the room. Willie and Doc stayed in Room 405, so far as she knew. Delaney could not furnish any information about the rental of room 402 on December 8, 1934. She said that Willie and Doc remained in the hotel only a few days. She was positive they checked out on the day Kate and Fred Barker arrived at the hotel, as she remembers either Kate or Fred remarking that they had missed seeing Doc by only ten hours. She was asked if Willie and Doc were at the fish and steak dinner in Karpis' room and she said she did not believe they were. In this connection she remarked that she ate something at the dinner which did not agree with her and had to call a doctor on the following night.

Delaney was asked about the use of different names, both by herself and Karpis, while they were at the hotel, and she replied that they often forgot the name they had been using and had to either guess at it or pick out another. When told that some five or six different names had been used at the El Comodoro, she said she did not understand why Mr. Adams had not become suspicious of them.

With respect to the rental of the house at 1121 - 85th Street in Miami, it was stated by Delaney that the house was rented through Joe Adams. Adams drove her and Karpis out from the hotel to look at this house. Delaney remembered that she called Karpis by the name of Ray on this occasion, which was of course in the presence of Adams. She could

not remember any other specific instances, but said there were times when the three of them conversed together in the lobby of the hotel. Delaney was unable to recall any instance when Adams had been in Karpis' room, or in the room occupied by any other member of the mob. Delaney said the house was rented during the middle of December, and that she and Ray stayed there alone, except for a maid.

According to Delaney, the only visitors at this house were Slim Gray, Doc Barker, a man and woman whose names she could not furnish, and Wynona and Harry Campbell. Slim and Doc came to the house a few days after Christmas and spent two nights there. On Christmas day, after a telephone call had been received by Karpis, a man and woman came to the house. Delaney noticed a big sedan automobile in front of the house. Delaney answered the doorbell and both the man and woman stepped inside the house at her invitation. She said she might recognize them if she saw them again, but she was not sure. She was shown the photograph of Cassius McDonald, but she said she was not sure whether he was the man. She said, however, that if she saw him in person and recognized him as the man that she would identify him. She said that Karpis began talking to these people and she went to the kitchen to arrange dinner for the four of them, as there had been some mention over the telephone that they were to stay for dinner. When she returned from the kitchen she saw these people through the front window as they were driving away. She asked Karpis why they had left and he replied that they did not have time to stay for dinner.

As mentioned in the reference telegram from Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Miami Beach, Florida, April 16, 1935, Delaney was questioned as to whether she talked to the woman on the front porch while Karpis talked to the man inside; also whether she and Karpis discussed the wealth of this man and the expense involved in the upkeep of his home. She stated she did not recall anything like that, and advised that the incident was as she had informed.

As stated above, Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell were the only other visitors to the Karpis house. Delaney could not remember the date of their arrival, but knew it was the birthday of Wynona as they had a little celebration for her. They remained until the day of the shooting at Oklawaha. The details covering the events of January 16th, the date of the shooting, as supplied by Delaney agree with the story as told by Wynona Burdette. As to the receipt of a telephone call at about the time the radio reports of the shooting were received, Delaney said there may have been a call, but she was positive it was not in connection with the shooting. She advised that the note containing the name of the Danmoor Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and the name Morley, had been given her by Karpis. She and Wynona spent the night of January 16th in Duke's room, and on the following morning Duke gave her \$800.00 in

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cash. She gave him \$150.00, as she remembers, to purchase railroad tickets for Wynona and herself, which he did, later taking them to the train.

Delaney said she would identify Duke in the event she recognized him. She stated that if called upon to do so either in court or elsewhere she would answer any questions put to her to the best of her ability.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE ST. PAUL OFFICE: Special Agent J. E. Brennan will report whether he has been able to secure any information from Byron Bolton relative to conversations had by Bolton with other members of the mob which would indicate that Joe Adams knew the identity of Karpis and others, also that Karpis was under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the Bremer Kidnaping.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-2 EJS**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NASHVILLE, TENN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-15-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-17, 24-35 5-3-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>T. W. DANSEY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases: FRANK JAMES, "DUTCH" SAWYER, HARRY SANDOVICH, "SEA LION", CHARLES WRIGHT, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Temporary wanted notices #95780 and #77961 of Charles J. Fitzgerald and Clyde Nimerick filed with Identification Bureau, Chattanooga, Tenn. Stop notice on Buick Club Sedan, motor #2,875,177 removed from Motor Vehicle Division of Tenn. J. H. Hamilton, alias Herman Barker, arrested at Memphis, Tenn., March 27, 1926. Hamilton reported to Memphis, Tenn. Police Department as committing suicide, August 29, 1927 at Wichita, Kansas following the holdup of an Ice Plant at Newton, Kansas. Mrs. S. B. Wilson, alias Carol Hamilton, arrested March 27, 1926 as an associate of J. H. Hamilton. Hamilton is the only party arrested in several years at Memphis, Tenn. under the name of Barker. Inspector Griffin, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tenn., has no knowledge of the information furnished Bureau by Little Rock Police Department about Fred Barker. Photographs of J. H. Hamilton and Mrs. S. B. Wilson obtained.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from the Chicago Bureau Office to the Nashville</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. A. Smith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-6000</b> <b>MAY 14 A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <b>ONE STAT SECT</b>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: <b>3-Bureau 2-St. Paul (Enc.) 2-Cincinnati 2-Nashville</b>		RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>MAY 15 1935</b> CHECKED OFF <b>MAY 16 1935</b> JACKETED:	



Bureau Office, dated 4-12-35.  
Letter from the Chicago Bureau Office to the  
Bureau, dated 4-20-35.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Agent  
H. F. Small; on May 3, 1935.

Sergeant Jack Neil, Identification Bureau, Chattanooga  
Police Department, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was supplied with temporary wanted  
notices #95780 and #77961 pertaining to Charles J. Fitzgerald and Clyde Nimerick  
and stated that he would file the same with the records of the Identification  
Bureau of the Chattanooga Police Department, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On April 24, 1935, Miss Pearl Kirkpatrick, Motor Vehicle  
Division, State of Tennessee, was telephonically requested by Special Agent S. S.  
Bentley to remove the stop flash card placed on Buick Club Sedan, motor #2,875,177.  
Miss Kirkpatrick stated that she would remove this card as of that date.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Louis DeNette on April 17, 1935:

Inquiry at the Memphis Police Department discloses that J. H. Hamilton, alias L. C. Whittier, alias D. W. Bowers, alias Bert Laven-der, alias Herman Barker, alias Clarence Sharp, Memphis P. D. number 8853, was arrested March 27, 1926 at Memphis, Tennessee by Detective Sergeants Tom Smith and Maurio Chiozza; suspected member served Chapman gang, and suspected diamond robbery at McAllister, Oklahoma; also, turned over to the Sheriff of Ottawa County, Oklahoma.

A description of J. H. Hamilton is as follows:

Age:	34 Years.
Height:	5' 4 1/2".
Weight:	116 Lbs.
Eyes:	Hazel.
Hair:	Very dark chestnut.
Complexion:	Medium dark.
Build:	Slender.
Teeth:	Gold in them.
Born:	Aurora, Illinois.
Tattoo:	Nude woman upper L. arm; hands, snake & owl, forearm front; woman's head, arm R. upper; nude woman upper R.

Fingerprint Classification:	9 U 00 14
	1 U 00 15

The Memphis office has a report that Hamilton killed himself August 29, 1927, at Wichita, Kansas, following the hold-up of an ice plant at Newton, Kansas.

When Harrison was arrested he was with an Indian woman posing as his wife, Memphis P. D. number 8854. She was later released and sent back to Ottawa County, Oklahoma. She gave the name of Mrs. S. B. Wilson and of Mrs. S. B. Costello. She was later arrested under the name of Carroll Hamilton, and received at the State Penitentiary, Canyon City, Colorado, prison number 14172, from Wyoming. She was charged with aiding and abetting persons to avoid arrest. Her fingerprint classification was: 2 Aa 10; Reference: 2 A 10.

Inspector Griffin of the Memphis Police Department stated that Hamilton is the only party arrested in several years at Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of Barker. He stated that he knew nothing of the information furnished to the Bureau by the Little Rock Police Department about Fred Barker.

The Memphis Police Department furnished agent photographs of J. H. Hamilton and his alleged wife, Carroll Hamilton, which are being forwarded to the St. Paul Office, with copies of this report.

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